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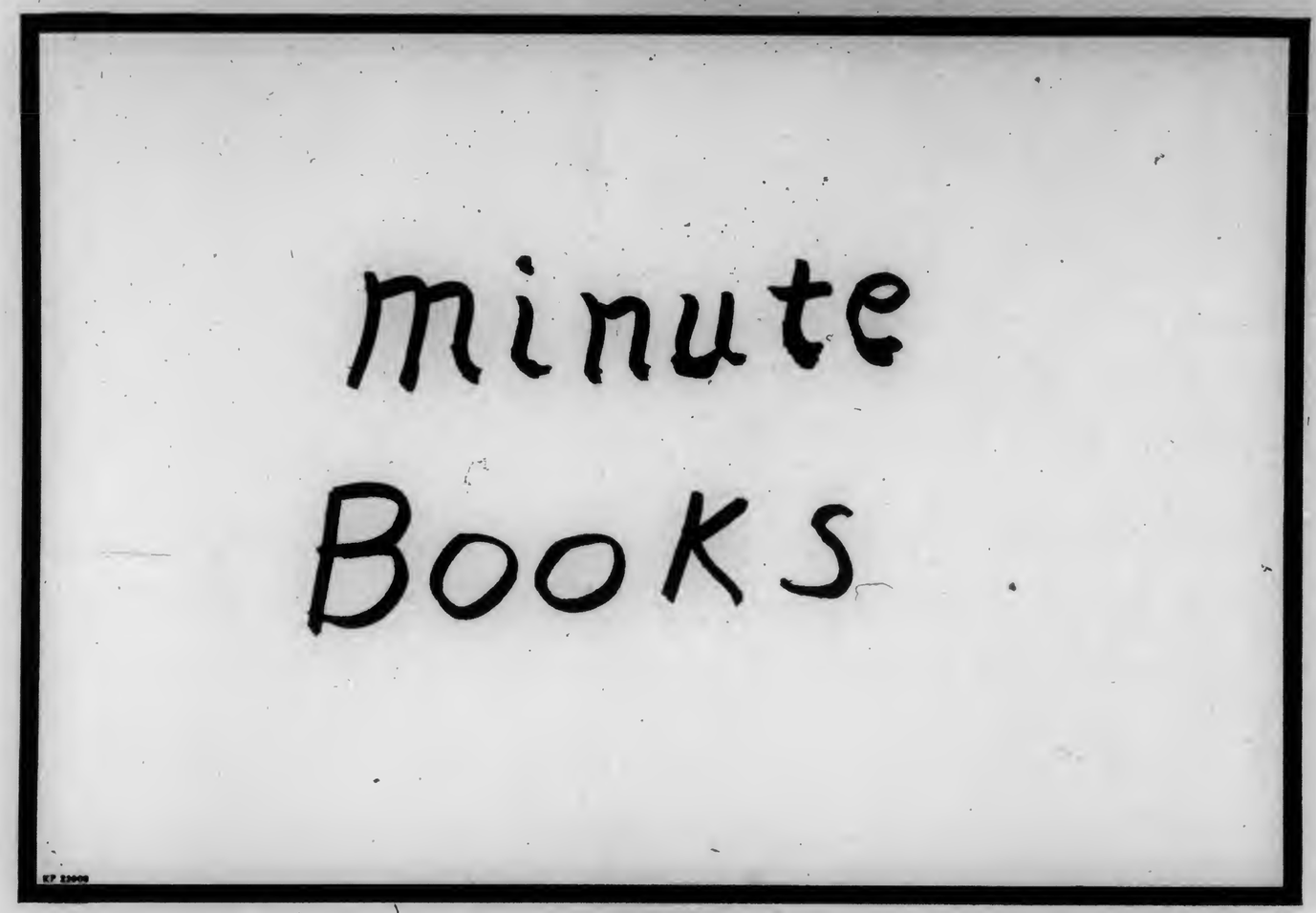

"Pro re nata" Meeting.

Steele Creek Church Aug. 9th 1865.
11 o'clock A. M.

The Resbytery of Concord met according to the call of the Moderator Rev. Jno. D. Wilson, by circular letter, and in the absence of the Moderator was opened with prayer by the Rev. R. Burwell, the last Moderator present.

The Rev. R. Burwell was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. B. L. Beall and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Temporary Clerks.

The following members were present, viz.

Ministers	Elders.	from Churches
Rev. R. Burwell.	Thomas B. Price,	Steele Creek.
" L. S. Markland,	E. Nye Hutchison,	Charlotte.
" B. L. Beall.	S. W. Craig,	New Hope.
" S. C. Alexander,		

The following notification from the Moderator of Resbytery was read. —

"Wilkesboro' N.C. July 15th 1865

Dear Bro:

At the request of bethren,, Ministers and Elders, I call Concord Presbytery to meet at Steele Creek Church, at 11 o'clock A. M. on the 9th day of August 1865, to consider petition of said church for dissolution of pastoral relation, and appoint time and place of next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

(Signed) J. D. Wilson, Modr.

Owing to the small number of members present, and for prudential reasons, on motion of

the Resbytery resolved to adjourn, to meet in Statesville on the 13th of September, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that that be the next regular Semi-annual meeting of Resbytery.

The minutes were read and approved.

Closed with prayer.

(Signed) R. Burwell, Modr.

B. L. Beall, } Temporary
E. Nye Hutchison } Clerks.

J. Rumple, Stated Clerk

Statesville, Iredell County, N.C.
Wednesday Sept. 13 1865
11 O'clock A.M.

Historical introduction.

The Concord Presbytery having failed to hold its Stated Semi-Annual Sessions in April last in consequence of the active military operations prevailing at the time, and in the vicinity of the place appointed for convening, & the Moderator being duly requested so to do, called by circular letter a 'Pro re nata' meeting at Steele Creek Church, for the expressed purpose, in part, to appoint a time and place for the Stated Semi-annual Sessions in the Autumn, which Pro re nata meeting was held according to the call of the Moderator on the 9th day of August last, and did appoint the 13th day of September as the time, and Statesville as the place of the Stated meeting, this being the time and place which were likewise suggested in a petition to the Moderator, Numerously signed by Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery asking him to call a meeting of the body, of which meeting, as thus appointed, at the above named time and place, the Stated Clerk gave notice to our Ministers and Churches by Circular letter, and by advertisements in the public prints.

The Presbytery accordingly convened this day in the Presbyterian Church in

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Opening.

this place, and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. J. D. Wilson, from Micah VI: 8. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

After Sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Organization.

The roll being called, the following ministers and elders answered, and their names were entered on the roll.

Roll.

Ministers. Revs. Messrs.	Ruling Elders Messrs.	Churches
Stephen Frontis.	John S. McLaurty.	Rocky River.
D. A. Penick, Sen.	W. J. Fite.	Goshen.
Jas. D. Hull.	S. W. Craig.	New Hope.
Nathan Shotwell.	Robt. Torrence.	Olney.
R. H. Chapman, D.D.	D. H. Summey.	Asheville.
J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D.	W. H. Cowan.	Bethany.
J. C. Carson.	J. C. Montgomery.	Fifth Creek.
S. S. Markland.	Thomas Brown.	Joppa.
J. H. W. Freeman.	E. B. Stimson.	Fourth Creek.
Walter W. Pharr.	Wm. Matheson.	Taylorsville.
R. N. Davis.	W. H. Hall.	Thyatira.
B. L. Beall.	M. D. Johnston.	Charlotte.
G. D. Parks.	J. J. Bruner.	Salisbury.
B. S. Kricker.	Wm. S. Harris.	Poplar Tent.
J. Rumple.	J. W. A. Kerr.	Centre.
Wm. W. Pharr.	Wm. R. Stevenson.	Concord.
J. D. Wilson.	J. A. McLellan.	Shiloh.

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Roll continued.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.	Churches.
H. C. Alexander	E. McLellan	Salem
W. M. Kilpatrick	William Clark	Steele Creek
R. B. Anderson	Hiram A. Lowrance	Newton
Thos. E. Davis	Benjamin Phifer	Third Creek
Jesse Rankin	E. W. Fancette	Lenoir
	E. L. Slagel	Franklin (Macon)

Officers elected. The Rev. Benj. L. Beall was elected Moderator, and the Rev. R. B. Anderson, and J. J. Bruner, R. E. were elected temporary clerks.

Presbytery took a recess of one hour and a half.

After Recess.

The Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

W. R. Stevenson leave of absence. Leave of absence was granted to R. E. Wm. R. Stevenson until to-morrow morning.

Absentees excused. Letters were read from the Rev. Thos. N. Easton and the Rev. J. L. Barr, assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of Presbytery. Also from the Rev. A. Sinclair.

Communications referred. Communications from the Rev. James E. White, Clerk, and the Rev. Wm. Banks, Stated Clerk of Bethel Presbytery, were read and referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D. Rev. James D. Hall and S. W. Craig, R. E.

E. H. Rockwell appears. The Rev. E. H. Rockwell appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

The Minutes of the last Stated Meeting

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Minutes read. of Presbytery, and of the Pro re nata meeting held at Steele Creek, Aug. 9th 1865, were read.

Supplies report. Ministers appointed to supply vacant churches were called upon to report whether they had fulfilled their appointments. As far as reported they had generally failed. The reasons principally alleged, were the disturbed state of the country. The reasons were sustained.

Absentees excused. The Rev. Messrs. N. Shotwell, J. C. Carson, and J. H. W. Freeman, rendered satisfactory reasons for absence at the last regular meeting. The Rev. Messrs.

No answer. R. H. Morrison D. D. Daniel Lindley, R. Burwell, James E. Morrison, W. N. Morrison, and Wm. Graves, failed to answer the call.

Churches excused. College Church, Goshen, Asheville, Steele Creek, Lincolnton and Wilkesboro + Salisbury accounted for their failure to be represented at the last Stated meeting. Thirty two churches and Pastorates failed to answer the call.

J. E. Davis excused & E. H. Rockwell appointed. The Rev. J. E. Davis reported that having failed to receive formal notice of his appointment to preach in Bethel Church and declare it vacant, he had not performed the duty assigned him. On motion Mr. Davis was excused and the Rev. E. H. Rockwell was appointed to perform said duty.

Corresponding members. The Rev. H. H. Banks, and the Rev. G. Porter, of the Bethel Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding members

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Corresponding Members.

The Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell, of the Cherokee Presbytery, and the Rev. H. B. Pratt, of the Orange Presbytery, being present were also invited to sit as corresponding members.

Committees appointed.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees, viz.

Bills.

Committee on Bills and overtures,
Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Rev. N. Shotwell & R. E. Ira Parks

Judicial.

Judicial Committee.
Rev. J. Le. Kirkpatrick D. D. Rev. B. S. Krider and R. E. Wm. H. Cowan.

Narrative.

On the Narrative to Synod.
Rev. S. C. Alexander, Rev. G. D. Parks and R. E. Thomas Brown.

Min. of Synod.

On the Minutes of Synod.
Rev. D. A. Penick Sen & R. E. Mortimer D. Johnston.

Dev. Exercises.

On Devotional Exercises.
Rev. Walter W. Pharr and R. E. E. B. Stimson.

Supplies.

On Supplies.
Rev. R. N. Davis, Rev. J. D. Wilson and R. E. John E. Montgomery.

H. H. Banks & G. J. Porter received.

The Rev. H. H. Banks reported that he had been dismissed from the Bethel Presbytery, and had lost his certificate. The loss was satisfactorily accounted for.

A certificate dismissing the Rev. G. J. Porter from the Bethel Presbytery to connect himself with the Concord Presbytery was read.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Messrs.

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Banks and Porter upon the customary topics, and the examination being satisfactory, they were, on motion, received as members of Concord Presbytery, and their names enrolled

Call for H. B. Pratt.

A call from the Church of Sugar Creek for the pastoral services of the Rev. H. B. Pratt, promising Six hundred and fifty dollars ($650.00) a year was read, and on motion, laid upon the table.

Petition from Steele Creek.

The following petition from Steele Creek Church was presented and read before Presbytery, viz.

To the Moderator of Concord Presbytery.

Rev. Dear Sir,

Whereas our Pastor, Rev. S. C. Alexander, at the close of his sermon at Steele Creek Church, on Sabbath, 1st. day of Jan. last, did, in a very abrupt and unkind manner, make the following demand, accompanied with threats &c. viz. "That his Congregation" had paid him, "all told" for 1863, $1200.00, Confederate Money, worth but Sixty dollars- scarcely enough to feed his horse, and if God had not provided for him better than his Congregation, he would have long since been dead from Starvation. He further stated that he had taken legal counsel, and his lawyer had informed him that his call was as good as Gold, that his Congregation must pay him ten for one, otherwise he would bring suit- not for ten for one, but for the whole amount in Gold, or its equivalent in Confederate Money." Subsequently a

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number of the Elders and Deacons called a meeting of the Congregation, and by a public vote refused to comply with the demand; and about one half of the Subscription was withdrawn; others threatened to withdraw, giving as a reason that Mr. Alexander might with as much propriety, at the close of the present year, demand fifty, or even one hundred for one. A second meeting was called by the Elders and Deacons to ask the congregation to unite with the signers of the Call in petitioning Presbytery to dissolve the Pastoral relation, and thus relieve them of the responsibility of paying the whole salary, since one half of the subscriptions had already been withdrawn.

Mr. Alexanders friends, (some of whom had advised him to make the demand) endeavored to break up the meeting and thus suppress the voice of the people; but a vote of about twenty to one defeated their purpose. And finally the congregation requested ~~requested~~ the Elders and Deacons to call a constitutional meeting for the purpose of taking the vote for, or against, dissolution.

We believe our Pastor is entitled to more than the amount of his salary in Confederate Money, and many, before and after the demand above mentioned, were paying ten to one; others three to one, while some paid the amount only of their subscription; thus paying over to the deacons for 1864 nearly $4000.00.

We are sorry to say that Mr. Alexander and

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friends have endeavored to revive old party feelings, by connecting the past with the present difficulty, while we affirm that no one is accountable for the present difficulty but Mr. Alexander and his advisers; yet it is true many of our Congregation were strongly prejudiced against Mr. Alexander on account of his having made, what they considered, disloyal remarks, at a Prayer Meeting held at Steele Creek Church, May 21st 1864.

However this excitement seemed to have subsided, and all was tranquil at the time the demand was made, previously alluded to.

We have thus endeavored, very briefly, to give you the principal points of our grievances, in a truthful and candid statement.

We, the majority of legal voters in a meeting called by the Pastor, Elders and Deacons, held this the 18th day of March, 1865, in Steele Creek Church, respectfully petition Presbytery through our Commissioners, appointed for the purpose, to dissolve the pastoral Relation now existing between the Rev. D. C. Alexander and the people of Steele Creek Congregation, and thus relieve the signers of the Call, as well as save our Church from a division which now threatens its destruction. Respectfully Submitted.

Resolved that Sam. Berryhill, Wm. Clark, H. H. Brown, T. P. G. Holmes and A. G. Neel be a committee to represent Steele Creek congregation at the next meeting of Presbytery

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Petition from Steel Creek concluded.

in securing a dissolution of the Pastoral relation between Rev. S. C. Alexander and the Congregation of Steel Creek.

The above preamble and resolutions adopted by the Congregation of Steel Creek, this 18th day of March 1865 by a vote of 53 to 11.

(Signed) A. H. Sadler, Secretary

_____ Moderator.

The following Complaint was also presented and read, viz.

July 17th. 1865

Complaint of S. C. Alexander & J. H. McDowel.

To the Presbytery of Concord:

Venerable Brethren—

Complaint is hereby made to your venerable body concerning certain proceedings, and a decision of the Session of Steel Creek Church, in the cases of Maj. Jno. M. Potts vs. Capt. A. G. Neal, in the charges recorded in the minutes of the Session, &c. &c.— And the following is the Complaint;

First, that the defendant was permitted to read a paper, as his defense, on the first charge containing false and injurious statements concerning the Pastor, and afterward, to examine his witnesses contrary to Book of Discipline chapter VII Section XIV

Second, That the Pastor of the Church, and as such, a member of the Session [See Form of Government, Chapter IV. Section I.] was excluded

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from all participation in the trial on the second Charge.

And 3rd. That the decision on the second Charge was injurious to the interests of religion, and not warranted by the testimony and the confession of the accused

With great respect, yours &c.

(Signed) S. C. Alexander, Pastor.

J. H. McDowel, Elder

Petition & Complaint referred.

On motion the foregoing Petition, and the Complaint were referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick D. D. the Rev. Dr. A. Pinckney, the Rev. J. D. Parks, and Ruling Elders, W. S. Harris and Ira Parks, who were directed to confer with the parties and endeavor to harmonize conflicting feelings and interests.

Treasurers Accounts

The Treasurer of Presbytery the Rev. J. Rumple, presented his books and accounts for examination in order to turn them over to the Rev. R. N. Davis, Treasurer elect.

The Rev. Wm. W. Pharr and B. E. Benjamin Phifer were appointed to audit the Treasurers Accounts.

On Motion the Presbytery adopted the following resolution, viz.

Resolution to attend Divine Service.

Resolved. That during the present Session the Presbytery will take steps to attend upon public worship twice a day, so long as the state of the regular business will allow—

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Death of Rev. W. S. Moore

The death of the Rev. W. S. Moore was announced in Presbytery, and a committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Chapman, the Rev. James D. Hall, and R. E. Dr. D. H. Semmey, were appointed to prepare a memorial and resolutions concerning his life and labors, to be spread upon the minutes.

Call from Asheville for Rev. H. H. Banks

A call from the church of Asheville for the Pastoral services of the Rev. H. H. Banks, promising him the sum of Five hundred Dollars ($500.00) was read, and on motion placed in his hands for consideration.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday Morning Sept. 14. 1865
9 o'clock A. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Minutes read. Dr. Kirkpatrick & Rev. E. H. Rockwell to prepare a minute.

The Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick and the Rev. E. H. Rockwell were appointed to prepare a historical Minute, stating the reasons why the Spring Sessions of the Presbytery were not held, and showing the steps which were taken to call this meeting regularly and constitutionally.

Order for to-morrow 10 o'clock

It was made the Order of the day to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to hear B. Hall Esq. on the subject of re-establishing the North Caro-

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lina Presbyterian.

Auditing committee

The Rev. J. D. Wilson and R. E. M. D. Johnston were appointed a committee to audit the Account of the Rev. E. H. Rockwell, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Next meeting of Presbytery.

On motion it was resolved, That Concord Presbytery will hold its next Semi-annual meeting at Providence Church, Mecklenburg County N. C. commencing on Wednesday before the First Sabbath in May 1866. at 11 o'clock A. M.

Report on Treasurers Accounts.

The Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Presbytery made a report, which was amended, adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurers Accounts report that they have attended to the duty, and found them correctly kept, and the payments sustained by proper vouchers, and a balance in the Treasurers hands of eighty Dollars in Confederate Money.

(Signed) Wm W. Pharr, Ben. Phifer } Com.

Committee to assess the churches.

The Rev. Wm W. Pharr, the Rev. R. N. Davis the Rev. J. Rumple, and R. E. Ben. Phifer were appointed a committee to bring in an assessment of the Churches for the ensuing year.

Pastoral relation dissolved.

A letter from the Rev. A. Sinclair was read, asking for a dissolution of the Pas-

toral relation existing between him and the Church of Charlotte. The reasons appearing to satisfactory, his request was granted, and the Rev. R. Burwell was appointed to preach in said Church and declare it vacant.

Church of Charlotte to be declared vacant.

The Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. was appointed to prepare a minute expressing the views of the Presbytery in relation to the irregular manner adopted in securing the dissolution of the above-named Pastoral relation.

Minute on irregularity to be prepared

The committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report which was adopted, viz.

Report on Devotional Exercises

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommend that Presbytery hold Divine Service on Friday Evening at three o'clock according to the following order,

1st. Reading the Scriptures and Psalmody by the Rev. J. C. Carson.
2nd. Prayer by the Rev. J. D. Parks.
3rd. Address by Rev. J. Rample.
4th. Psalmody by the Rev. J. H. W. Freeman.
5th. Address by the Rev. D. A. Penick, Sen.
6th. Prayer by the Rev. W. C. Shultz.
7th. Psalmody and Benediction by the Moderator.

(Signed) W. W. Pharr, E. B. Stimson } Com.

Biographical sketch of Rev. R. H. Lafferty read

The committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare a Biographical sketch of the late Rev. R. H. Lafferty submitted a report, which was read, and ordered to be recorded in

the Presbytery's Volume of Biographical Sketches.

The following resolution was offered, and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, Sen. R. H. Chapman D.D. Stephen Frontis, Nathan Shotwell and G. D. Parks, and Ruling Elders E. W. Hancett and W. S. Harris.

Committee on Ecclesiastical relations appointed.

Resolved. That a committee of ~~three~~ eight viz. members be appointed to prepare resolutions proper for this Presbytery to adopt touching the adhesion of this body to the Southern Ecclesiastical organization and the next meeting of the General Assembly of the same.

Recess.

On Motion Presbytery took a recess until half past two o'clock P. M.

After Recess.

Report of Com. to visit Charlotte Church

The Presbytery met and proceeded to business. The Committee appointed to visit the Church of Charlotte and adjust difficulties said to be existing there, made the following report, viz.

Charlotte N.C. Sept 20. 1864

The Committee appointed by Presbytery to visit the town of Charlotte, &c. met at the Office of J. H. Wilson Esq. at 5 o'clock P.M. Present—Rev. Drs. Morrison & Kirkpatrick, Ruling Elders J. Rankin & D. A. Penick Sen. with M. D. A. Davis Ruling Elder.

After prayer and conferring together as to the best mode of procedure the Committee resolved to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock A. M. in the Presbyterian Church, and that the

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Report of Com. to visit Charlotte 6th Continued.

disaffected portion of that Church be requested to meet with them.

In the church 8 o'clock of the morning of the 21st. Present as before, with Messrs J. H. Wilson, Wm. Phifer, J. Carson, H. Williams and J. Morehead. Mr. R. I. McDowell appeared before the meeting closed.

The Committee conferred freely with the brethren present, and became fully satisfied that the minority could not be induced, either to co-operate with the majority under the present Pastor, or to be organized at present into a separate Church.

The reasons urged against a new organization were, that it would be regarded as antagonistic to the old, that it was now impracticable to erect a house of worship, and that it is an unpropitious time for so small a body to undertake to support a Pastor.

The Committee learned that the following are among the disaffected families, and members of the Church, viz. Joseph H. Wilson and family, Mr. W. White and family, Mr. Wm. Phifer and family, Mr. J. Morehead and family, Mr. J. Carson, Mr. H. Williams, Mrs. Buswell and family, Mrs. Steele, Mrs H. White.

The Committee notified the brethren that they were ready to organize a second Church, whenever they might wish to be so organized

The Committee adjourned to meet during the Sessions of Synod in Greensboro N.C. (Signed) D. A. Penick Scrs. Chm.

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Com. discharged

The foregoing report was accepted and the committee discharged.

S. S. Murkland returns calls.

The Rev. S. S. Murkland returned to Presbytery the calls which he had held for some time from the Churches of Bethany and Eighth Creek.

Report of Special Com. on Papers from Steel Creek.

The Committee to whom was referred the papers from Steel Creek Church, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz.

The Committee to whom were referred certain papers from the Steel Creek Church, would report, that the Committee examined the papers and also the records of the Session, so far as relates to the matters mentioned in the papers, and that they also had a conference with the Pastor and the Elders and members of said Church now on the ground, with a view to ascertain whether or not there is any prospect of a satisfactory adjustment of the difficulties existing in the church without the formal action of this body in the premises. The Committee finding themselves unable to effect such adjustment, now return the papers to the Presbytery, recommending that the first paper, being a petition from the majority of the church, as represented in a Congregational meeting held on the 18th of March last, be placed on the docket for the direct action of the Presbytery at such time as may be appointed; and that the second paper being the complaint

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Dept. of Com. on Steel Creek concluded.

of the Rev. S. C. Alexander, Pastor, and J. H. McDowell, Ruling Elder, against certain proceedings of the Sessions of the Steel Creek Church, be referred to the Judicial Committee

Respectfully Submitted
(Signed) J. L. Kirkpatrick, Ch.

Accounts of Rev. E. H. Rockwell audited.

The committee appointed to audit the account of the Rev. E. H. Rockwell, Treasurer of Domestic Missions, submitted their Report which was accepted and is as follows, viz.

Your Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Rev. E. H. Rockwell, Treasurer for Domestic Missions, report, that they find an old balance on hand of $3399.30.
Also that he has received $1756.20.
He has disbursed $1945.10.
for which proper vouchers are exhibited
He is also entitled to a credit of $1311.60
the tax on Old Currency levied by the Confederate States.
Leaving a balance of dead money in his hands of $1899.34

All which is respectfully submitted
(Signed) J. D. Wilson, M. D. Johnston } Com.

Johnston, McDonald, Watts & Brackett appear.

The Rev. Messrs. R. Z. Johnston, Wm. McDonald, W. B. Watts and G. R. Brackett appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

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Presbty. Com. Men

The Rev. Wm. Presley, of the 2nd Presbytery of the Associate Synod of the South, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Brackett accepts call.

The Rev. G. R. Brackett signified his acceptance of the call from Unity (Rowan) heretofore placed in his hands.

Culbertson enrolled.

R. E. Richard Culbertson, from the Unity (Rowan) Church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Committee to arrange installation

A committee, consisting of the Rev. G. R. Brackett and R. E. Richard Culbertson, was appointed to make arrangement for the installation of the Rev. G. R. Brackett over the Church of Unity.

Com. on Board of Trustees of Colleges.

On motion the Rev. Messrs. R. B. Anderson, D. Frontis, B. S. Krider and R. E. Neisberg & Hall were appointed a Committee to nominate persons to fill vacancies in the Boards of Trustees of Davidson College and Concord Female College.

Petition from Steel Creek.

The Presbytery then took up the petition from Steel Creek Church. The papers were read and the Rev. S. C. Alexander was heard in opposition to the petition.

Slagel leave of absence

Ruling Elder E. L. Slagel, of Franklin (Macon) was granted leave of absence after this evenings Sessions.

Adjourn

On motion, the Presbytery adjourned until Friday morning at half past eight o'clock.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

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Friday Morning.

Half past eight o'clock.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of the preceding day were read, corrected and approved.

Davis & Lowrance granted leave of absence

The Rev. J. E. Davis, and R. E. Hiram A. Lowrance, of Newton, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this Presbytery.

Historical Minute adopted

The Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare a historical minute, stating why the Spring Sessions of Presbytery were not held, &c. presented their report, which was adopted, and ordered to record. Said minute constitutes the historical introduction to the Minutes of these Sessions, on the 134th page.

Minute on irregular method of securing dissolution of pastoral relation.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute concerning the irregular method pursued in order to secure the dissolution of the Pastoral relation between the Rev. A. Sinclair and the Church of Charlotte, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the Presbytery dissolve the Pastoral relation between the Rev. Alexander Sinclair and the church at Charlotte in accordance with the desire of the parties, and in consideration of the sufficient reasons assigned by the Pastor.

Resolved, That in doing this the Presbytery feels called upon to notice an irregularity

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in the form in which the application for the dissolution was made, namely, in the Pastors tendering a resignation to the Church, instead of applying primarily and directly to the Presbytery to dissolve the relation - an irregularity which in this instance probably originated in the peculiar circumstances in which the Pastor was placed; but that so frequently occurs when Pastors are seeking a release from their charges as to threaten to establish a usage contrary to our Form of Government, and detrimental to the interests of our churches.

Resolved, That this Presbytery will expect and require of Pastors desiring to be discharged from their engagements, first to make application to the Presbytery for release; and to avoid taking any steps which will prevent the free and unembarrassed action of the Presbytery.

(Signed) J. L. Kirkpatrick. Chm.

Report on Davidson College for 1864-5.

The following report was submitted, and on motion received. viz.

To the Concord Presbytery.

The Standing committee appointed by the Trustees of Davidson College, to report annually to your body, touching the condition of that institution, would state that the last year has been one of multiplied and unprece-

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dentine trials and calamities. Owing to the military operations of the country, and the distress of our people resulting from them, the number of students was very small; and it was found necessary to suspend the exercises two months and more before the regular time for the annual close.

By the downfall of the Southern Confederacy, very heavy losses have been sustained in the invested funds of the Institution. The precise extent of the losses cannot yet be ascertained, as it is not known whether certain Banks in which large investments were made, will prove solvent or insolvent, and if solvent, what their stock may be worth. Investments to the amount of $36,000.00 had been made in Confederate Securities. These are of course a total loss. The probability is that the loss in Bank Stock will not be less than $50,000.00. It is hoped it will not much exceed that sum.

The remaining investments, it is believed, are safe and will ultimately prove profitable although for the present not available except to a very limited extent.

Notwithstanding these losses, the Trustees and friends of the College are encouraged to persevere in their efforts to sustain the institution, trusting that a sufficient

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sum of the invested funds will remain to enable them so to do, if not on the scale once contemplated, yet in a manner that shall render it an ornament and a blessing to the Church and the Country.

The frowns of God have rested on us. Perhaps it is to chastise us for our pride and vain-glory, and to teach us our dependence on Him.

By order of the Board of Trustees, the institution will be regularly opened at the usual time, viz. the 28th of September.

On behalf of the Committee
July 1865. (Signed) J. L. Kirkpatrick Chn

Report of Judicial Committee

The Judicial Committee made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz.

The Judicial Committee report that we find the Complaint of the Rev. S. C. Alexander and J. H. McDowell, Elder, against certain proceedings of Steel Creek Church Session in order, the parties making it having the right to avail themselves of this remedy for supposed evils, and due notice having been given of an intention to make complaint to the Presbytery.

The Records of the Session of the Church, the testimony and other documents relating

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to the case out of which the Complaint arises, have also been placed in our hands, and although there are deficiencies in them and some evidences of at least apparent irregularities in the proceedings to which they relate, they are believed to be sufficiently full on all essential points to enable the Presbytery to arrive at a correct understanding and determination of the matters involved in the complaint.

We recommend therefore that the Presbytery proceed to issue the Complaint in the following order.

1 Read the Charges against the accused in the case referred to in the Complaint, and the Sentence of the Court below.

2. Read the Complaint.

3. Read the proceedings of the Session, including the testimony on record.

4. Hear the Complainants.

5. Hear the Session through any member or members representing that body.

6 Hear members of the inferior judicatory in explanation of the grounds of their decision, or of their dissent from it.

7 Call the Roll of the Presbytery that every member may have an opportunity to express his opinion on the case.

And last take the final vote on sustaining or not sustaining the Complaint item by item.

Respectfully Submitted (Signed) J. S. Kirkpatrick. Chn.

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Rev. Messrs Smith, Stewart & Way. Cor. Members.

The Rev. J. M. Smith and the Rev. J. Stirewalt of the N. C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Rev. N. H. Way, of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church South, being present, was also invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

Order of day made.

It was made the first order of the Sessions of to-night to hold a free Conversation on the State of religion in the Churches.

Call of Asheville retained

The Rev. H. H. Banks, having asked leave, was allowed to hold the Call from the Asheville Church, under consideration, until the next Spring Sessions of the Presbytery.

Sketch to be furnished.

The Stated Clerk was directed to furnish to the family of the deceased a copy of the Sketch of the life and character of the late Rev. R. H. Lafferty.

R. E. Witherspoon

J. A. Witherspoon, R. E. from Bethesda Church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Kilpatrick leave of Absence

Leave of absence was granted to the Rev. W. M. Kilpatrick after the afternoon Session.

Alexanders address concluded

The unfinished business of yesterday, namely the Petition from Steel Creek, was taken up, and the Rev. J. C. Alexander concluded his remarks in opposition to the petition.

Converse & Eagleton.

The Rev. Messrs. H. B. Converse, of East Hanover Presbytery, and George Eagleton, of North Alabama Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

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Mr. Fuller's Address.

The hour for the Order of the day having arrived, Mr. Fuller, by invitation, addressed the Presbytery concerning the proposed re-establishment of the N.C. Presbyterian Newspaper.

The following Report was presented by Dr. Chapman, and on motion accepted and adopted, viz.

Minute concerning the death of Rev. W. S. Moore.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the death of the Rev. William S. Moore would report the following;

The Presbytery of Concord having learned the decease of our beloved brother, the Rev. William S. Moore - a Member of this Presbytery, desires to record its great sense of his worth, and the deep loss of the Church of God in his removal. The Presbytery bears unfaltering testimony to his diligence in the discharge of his ministerial duties, serving God and his Church faithfully in his day and generation; and tenders to his afflicted family and bereaved Churches assurances of deepest sympathy, Commending them to God and the word of his grace for consolation.

Young in years, but ripe in deeds of piety, and usefulness, our Brother has fallen on sleep. We praise the grace that made him so lovely in life, and which so sustained him in death, filling his dying hours with the richest Christian triumph. The committee recommend

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that the Rev. Messrs R. H. Chapman D.D. and James D. Hall, be appointed to prepare a sketch of the life and labors of the Rev. William S. Moore, to be reported to Presbytery at its next Spring Sessions.

(Signed) Rob. Hett Chapman, Chm

Copy to be furnished.

The Statist Clerk was directed to furnish a copy of the above report to the family of the deceased.

On Correspondence with Bethel Presbytery.

Dr. Chapman, from the Committee on the Correspondence of the Bethel Presbytery, submitted the following report, which was accepted, amended and adopted:

The Committee appointed on the correspondence with Bethel Presbytery would report that the papers have been placed in its hands, and that it has considered the same.

The official papers signed respectively by Messrs. White and Banks, as Clerks of Bethel Presbytery respectfully ask for time and crave the patience of Concord Presbytery, that the Presbytery of Bethel may be able to do that which is in its sight and right in the premises. Your Committee recommend that your Stated Clerk be directed kindly to respond to said communications, assuring the Presbytery of Bethel of its confidence and entire willingness to give said Presbytery all needful time for the wise and safe correction of the irreg-

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ularities alluded to in the Correspondence.

(Signed) Robt Nott Chapman
Chairman

Recesses

On motion the Presbytery took a recess of ten minutes to reassemble in the basement of the Church. Basement, After Recess.

The Presbytery being called to order, on motion a second recess of five minutes was taken to re-assemble in the Methodist Church.

Methodist Church, 11 o'clock A.M.

After second recess.

The Presbytery met. The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted, viz.

Resolution & Com. concerning the N.C. Presbyterian

Resolved, That this Presbytery is highly gratified on hearing the address of Mr. Fuller in relation to the "North Carolina Presbyterian" so dear to us all; and that we sincerely desire its early reestablishment, and earnestly recommend to the people of our Presbytery to give it a cordial support when the opportunity to do so shall be presented to them; And that a Committee be appointed to confer with Mr. Fuller on the ways and means of re-establishing that paper.

The Moderator appointed, as the committee under the above resolution, the Rev. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D, B.S. Kreider, and R. E. W. Fancette.

The Rev. B.S. Kreider, of the Committee to

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Com. to install R.B. Anderson reports.

installed the Rev. R.B. Anderson over the Church of Concord Town, reported that in consequence of the way not being clear, the Committee failed to Install Mr. Anderson.

Com. Continued.

The same Committee was continued, and directed to to perform the installation, as soon as the way shall be clear.

Order to hear the Evangelist

It was made the order of the day for tomorrow, 10 o'clock A.M. to hear the Report of the Evangelist of the Presbytery.

Supplies appointed

The Committee on Supplies present their report, which was amended, adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee on Supplies beg leave to submit as their report, the following recommendations;

That the Rev. Messrs. D.A. Penick, Sen Wm. H. Pharr, R.Z. Johnston and S.C. Alexander spend each one Sabbath in Monroe.

That the Rev. Messrs. R.B. Anderson and Wm. McDonald spend each one Sabbath in Stanly County.

That the Rev. Messrs R. W. Davis and B.L. Beall spend each one Sabbath in Shelby

That the Rev. W. Shotwell spend one Sabbath at Sandy Plains.

That the Rev. J. Rankin spend one Sabbath in Watauga County.

That the Rev. J. Rumple and Rev. G.R. Brackett spend one Sabbath in East Rowan.

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Supplies Concluded

That the Rev. W. B. Watts spend one Sabbath in Yadkinville.
The Rev. Messrs. Walter W. Pharr and Wm. A. Wood (the latter requested) spend one week at East Bend.
The Rev. Wm. A. Wood be requested to spend one Sabbath at Huntsville
The Rev. James D. Hall, and the Rev. George J. Porter, spend each one Sabbath at Franklin (Macon Co.) and Ebenezer.
The Rev. E. H. Rockwell spend one Sabbath at Bethesda.
That all others not herein named, spend one Sabbath at some destitute Church, or on Missionary ground.

Respectfully submitted.
(Signed) R. N. Davis,
J. D. Wilson } Com.
J. E. Montgomery

Judicial case postponed.

On motion the judicial case of Davis and Hutchison versus Rev. J. C. Stewart was laid over until the next Semi-annual meeting of Presbytery, and the Stated Clerk was directed to issue the necessary citation to the defendant, and such witnesses as may be called for.

Commission appointed.

On motion a commission was appointed, consisting of the Rev. H. H. Banks, A. E. Summey and Col. A. Fuller, to take the testimony of parties in and around Henderson, supposed to have been lost in the mails, the first of April 1865.

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Recess.

The Presbytery then took a recess to meet in the Presbyterian Church at 2½ o'clock P.M.

Presbyterian Church-
After Recess. 2½ o'clock P.M.

The Presbytery met. Leave of absence was granted, after this afternoon's Sessions to Ruling Elders, J. J. Brunes of Salisbury, W. J. Hite of Goshen, Robt. Torrence of Clay, Thomas Brown of Joppa, and to the Rev. Jas. D. Hall. ✓

Leave of absence granted to 5.

Com. on Standing Rules continued.

The Rev. Walter W. Pharr, of the Committee to revise the Standing rules of Presbytery, reported progress, and asked for further time. The time was granted and the Committee continued.

Dev. Ex. postponed.

The order of the day, viz. Devotional Exercises, was postponed until to-morrow evening three o'clock.

Trustees of D. College nominated.

The committee appointed to nominate members to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, and of Concord Female College presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, Viz.

The Committee appointed to propose persons for Trustees of Davidson College, respectfully recommend the re-appointment of the following, to serve four years, Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. Rev. R. N. Davis, Rev. Walter W. Pharr, Rev. William W. Pharr, Col. Thomas A.

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Trustees of D. College appointed

Allison, R. I. McDowell, A. B. Davidson, and D. A. Davis.

To supply the place of the Rev. R. H. Lafferty deceased, of the Class of 1862. Rev. B. L. Beall.

To supply the place of Dr. Samuel Kerr, deceased, of the Class of 1863, Dr. M. A. Locke.

Trustees of C. F. College appointed

Also the Committee recommend, the appointment of the following to serve four years, as Trustees in the Concord Female College, viz. the Rev. J. Rumple, D. A. Davis Esq. and R. H. Simonton Esq.

To fill the place of the Rev. R. H. Lafferty, in the Class of 1862, the Rev. G. D. Parks.

Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) R. B. Anderson, Chairman.

Licentiates etc. called to report.

The Licentiates and Candidates, under the care of the Presbytery, were called upon to report.

Mess. R. H. Caldwell and J. J. Kennedy reported.

Mess. J. C. Kennedy, J. H. Gonger, and W. B. Lynch, failed to report either in person or by letter.

N. F. Hall leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted to A. E. N. F. Hall, of Thyatira, after this afternoons Session.

Report on Assessment of Churches.

The Committee appointed to fix the Assessment on the Churches for the ensuing year, made the following report, viz.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the matter of the Assessment of the Churches of Concord Presbytery, report that they have attended to the duty and recommend that the Churches be hereafter

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assessed according to the Assessment of 1864.

Signed

Wm. W. Pharr,
J. Rumple
R. N. Davis
Ben. Phifer
} Com.

Com. to revise & equalize the Assessment.

A Committee of five, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Walter W. Pharr, J. Rumple, R. N. Davis, and Ruling Elders, D. A. Davis and E. Nye Hutchison, were appointed to revise and equalize the assessments upon the Churches, and report at the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Petition from Steel Creek discussed.

The consideration of the Petition from the Steel Creek Church was resumed, and the Commissioners of that Church, Messrs. William Clark, Sam. Berryhill, and W. G. Neal, were heard, advocating the petition.

The discussion being arrested, leave of absence for the remainder of the Sessions was granted to to Ruling Elders. Wm. Matthewson of Taylorsville and Wm. H. Cowan, of Bethany Church.

Matthewson & Cowan leave of absence

Wilson temporary Clerk.

The Rev. John D. Wilson was appointed Temporary Clerk, in place of J. J. Brumer, granted leave of absence.

Report on installation of Mr. Brackett

The following report was accepted and adopted, viz. The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of the Rev. G. R. Brackett over the Church of Unity (Rowan) recommend that the Installation take place on the Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in October— that the Rev. J. Rumple, preach-

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Brackett to be installed

the Sermon, and the Rev. W. M. Kilpatrick be his alternate; that the Rev. W. A. Wood charge the Pastor, and the Rev. Walter W. Pharr be his alternate, and that the Rev. B. L. Rhodes preside and propose the constitutional questions, and charge the people.

(Signed) G. R. Brackett } Com.
Richard Culbertson }

Steel Creek petition

The unfinished business relating to the Steel Creek Church was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

The Presbytery then took a recess until half past 7 o'clock to-night, to meet in the Methodist Church.

Friday night 7½ o'clock.
Methodist Church.

Free conversation.

The Presbytery met and took up the order of the hour, namely, the free conversation on the State of religion in the Churches, and as to whether the Churches had ordained Deacons. Of 30 churches reporting 20 had Deacons of long standing, 4 recently elected and 6 had none.

Sinclair's excuse for absence

A letter from the Rev. A. Sinclair was read assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting.

S. W. Craig, leave

Leave of absence from the ensuing Sessions of Presbytery, was granted to S. W. Craig, R. E. from New Hope Church.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning at half past eight o'clock. Closed with Prayer.

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Presbyterian Church
Saturday Morning 8½ o'clock.
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The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. D. A. Penick, Sen.

The Roll was called and the minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

Overture

An overture on the subject of Ministers seeking offices of profit and trust in the State was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The following paper in relation to colored Church members was presented and adopted: viz.

Resolutions concerning colored members.

1. Resolved that a Committee be now appointed to consider the subject of the duties of our Pastors and Sessions toward the Colored members of our Churches and Congregations, in view of the altered State of their Social relations, and that the Committee report to the next Stated meeting of the Presbytery a pastoral letter on the subject.

2. Resolved, that in the meanwhile our Pastors and Sessions be earnestly exhorted to use all practicable measures for the spiritual welfare of such portions of their Congregations, instructing them as to their obligations to the Churches with which they are connected, and administering discipline in case

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Res. on Col. Members. concluded

where it is necessary, but exercising all allowable forbearance and kindness toward such irregularities in their deportment as may have their origin in the excitement and confusion into which their minds are thrown by the great and sudden change in their condition.

Com. to prepare a pastoral letter

The Rev. Messrs. J. Rumple, B. S. Hilder and R. B. Anderson were appointed on the Committee under the above Resolutions.

W. A. Wood Cor. Member.

The Rev. W. A. Wood, of the Orange Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding member.

Petition from Steel Creek.

The order of the day, namely, the Petition from Steel Creek Church, was taken up, and the Rev. S. C. Alexander was heard in reply to the Commissioners of the Church.

The argument being concluded, and the members of Presbytery, in part, having given their views, the Rev. Jesse Rankin, the Rev. D. A. Penick, Sen. the Rev. C. H. Rockwell and R. E. E. W. Hancette, were appointed a committee to express in form, the judgment of the Presbytery, in the case.

Com. appointed to frame action.

Evangelist reports.

The hour for the second order of the day, namely, the report of the Evangelist, Dr. Chapman, having arrived, the Presbytery heard a ~~read~~ report of the Evangelistic labors of Dr. Chapman, for the past year.

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On Motion the Presbytery took a recess of ten minutes, to meet in the Methodist Church.

Methodist Church, After Recess. 11 o'clock. A. M.

The Presbytery met. Leave of absence after the morning session, was granted to Ruling Elders, R. Culbertson, of Unity (Rowan) and Jno Parks, of Sugar Creek.

Culbertson & Parks leave of ab

Treasurer Publication

The Rev. G. D. Parks, Treasurer of Publication for the Presbytery, presented the following report, which was accepted, viz.

Your Agent for Publication would report that from the last Fall meeting to March last there had been paid into the Treasury $ 780.24 in Confederate Funds. Of this sum $500.00 had been sent to the Committee at Richmond; leaving in the hands of the Treasurer $280.24 of worthless money. Sept. 16th 1865. (Signed)

G. D. Parks, Treas. &c.

Auditing Com.

The Rev. H. H. Banks and Dr. J. A. McClellan were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Publication.

Dr. Parks on Com. of Dom. Missions.

On Motion the Rev. G. D. Parks was appointed on the Presbytery's Committee of Domestic Missions, in the place of the Rev. R. H. Lafferty deceased.

Paper on Ecclesiastical relations.

The Rev. D. A. Penick Sen. of the Committee presented a report on Ecclesiastical relations, which was made the first order of the day for this afternoon.

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Complaint issued.

On motion the complaint of the Rev. S. C. Alexander and J. H. McDowell against the Session of Steel Creek Church, was taken up, and Presbytery proceeded to issue the case and hear the parties according to the arrangement of the Judicial Committee, recorded on page 154.

Com. Arrested. Report accepted. Rankin & Witherspoon leave.

The consideration of the complaint was arrested, and the Rev. J. Rankin, from the Committee on the petition from Steele Creek offered a report which was accepted.

The Rev. J. Rankin and Ruling Elder, Isaac A. Witherspoon obtained leave of absence for this morning's Session.

The Presbytery then took a recess until 2½ o'clock, to meet in the Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian Church.
After Recess 2½ o'clock.

Answer to Overture No. 1.

The Committee on Bills and overtures in answer to Overture No. 1. reported the following answer, which was adopted: viz.

The Committee on Bills and overtures would respectfully report, in answer to the overture asking the opinion of Presbytery respecting the propriety of Ministers of the Gospel seeking offices of profit and trust in connection with the State-

That this is prohibited by law in some of the States, and while it is common in some denominations to enter the arena of politics,

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Answer to Overture No. 1. Cont.

and seek Government appointments, this has in general been discouraged in our Church. And it is our opinion that it is inconsistent with the honor, dignity and usefulness of the ministry- contrary to their ordination vows, and the spiritual nature of their office to seek political offices, unless disabled in the Providence of God from pursuing their sacred calling, when they should either demit the holy ministry or have the approbation of the Presbytery- Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) C. H. Rockwell, Chm.

Devotional Exercises.

The order of the day- namely Devotional Exercises was postponed until 4 o'clock.

Complaint not sustained by Vote.

After further hearing the parties in the case of the complaint of Messrs. Alexander and McDowell, the final vote was taken, item by item and the Presbytery refused to sustain any particular of said Complaint.

Petition

The consideration of the Petition from the Steel Creek Church was resumed, and the report of the Committee appointed to frame suitable action was read. Pending the discussion, on motion of Dr. J. D. Parks, Presbytery resolved to vote directly on the question of the dissolution of the Pastoral relation. The Presbytery, by vote refused to excuse Dr. Parks from voting on the question The vote being taken, the Presbytery declared

Resolution to vote directly.

Dr. Parks not excused.

Pastoral relation dissolved. Report recommitted

that the pastoral relation should be dissolved.

On motion, the paper presented by the committee appointed to frame a minute on the above case, was recommitted to the committee, and Dr. Kirkpatrick placed on the committee in the place of the Rev. J. Rankin, absent with leave.

Devotional Exercises.

The hour for Devotional Exercises having arrived, the Presbytery solemnly engaged in the religious services, in the order recommended by the Committee.

Brackett obtains leave.

After devotional Exercises leave of absence from the remaining Sessions was granted to the Rev. G. R. Brackett.

Special committee reports.

The Special Committee on the Petition from Steele Creek presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and the Stated Clerk directed to place a copy of it in the hands of the Session of Steel Creek Church.

The paper is as follows.

Paper in relation to Steel Creek.

The Committee charged with the duty of preparing a minute expressive of the sense of the Presbytery touching the petition from the Church of Steel Creek Submits;

1. That the case is the more embarrassing from the fact that all the principal Statements, in view of which we are to act, are from persons whose feelings are strongly enlisted as parties in a personal strife.

Paper in relation to Steel Creek Cont.

Nevertheless we think the truth is sufficiently clear, that at least a large portion of the church were very culpably remiss in not paying their Pastor a fair or reasonable equivalent for the amount specified in the call of the Church for his services, considering the great and constantly increasing depreciation of the only existing currency, and that after speaking to the officers of the Church privately and stating his grievances and his views of their duty, the time had come when it was proper to make a distinct and solemn appeal to the consciences of his people touching this matter.

2. We suppose, on the other hand, that with the advantage of more years and experience, the Pastor might have used more conciliatory language, and perhaps a milder manner, and that in this way the difficulty between him and a portion of his charge might never have reached any serious magnitude.

3. We are painfully impressed with the apprehension that there is, and has been for years, a restless and factious element in that congregation, which it would be unfortunate if any action of this Presbytery should tend to encourage; and if we are not mistaken in this impression - which all the facts before us seem to confirm - we would, with all the authority with which we are clothed, solemnly warn all concerned in disturbing

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the peace and harmony of the church, of the sin they commit, and of the danger they incur thereby.

4 That from all the facts brought to notice during the extended investigation which has just closed, it seems evident that a large portion, perhaps a majority of the Congregation, have become so alienated in their confidence and affections from their Pastor, that there is no reasonable prospect of future harmony and co-operation between him and them; and that both for the sake of the present happiness and future usefulness of the Pastor, whose abilities piety and zeal as a minister and Christian brother have created for him a high regard and tender sympathy in the hearts of us all; and also for the peace and harmony of the Church, whose welfare we solemnly bound to consult, it is thought best to dissolve the relation between him and the Church.

5 That this act of dissolution however is not to take effect until all the arrearages on the Pastors Salary shall have been paid, and that if the Pastor and the Deacons shall not be able to agree upon a basis of settlement, on the amount due him, the matter be referred for final adjustment to a committee, consisting of J. H. Wilson Esqr. and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison of the Charlotte Church, and John

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Paper in relation to Steel Creek Concluded. Johnston to declare it vacant.

Walker Esqr. of Atheron Church.

(Signed) J. L. Kirkpatrick Chm.

The Rev. R. J. Johnston was appointed to preach in the Church of Steel Creek and declare it vacant whenever the conditions specified in the foregoing paper are complied with.

Presbytery then took a recess until 4 o'clock to meet in the Methodist Church.

Methodist Church, After Recess.
7½ o'clock P. M.

Report on Treas. of Publication.

The Presbytery met. The Rev. H. H. Banks made a report on behalf of the Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Publication, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee of Publication report that the receipts and disbursements correctly correspond. that proper vouchers are exhibited. and that a balance remains in the Treasury of $330.44 - worthless money.

(Signed) H. H. Banks } Com.
J. A. McLellan }

Report on the Narrative.

The Rev. J. C. Alexander, from the Committee on the Narrative, presented the following report, which was accepted, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod of N. C. to meet in Fayetteville, October next

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Narrative on the State of Religion.

Narrative to Synod.

The Presbytery of Concord in Session at Statesville N.C. September 16th 1865 respectfully presents to the Synod of N. Carolina the following Narrative on the State of religion in the churches in our bounds.

The times through which we have recently passed have been of the most trying kind. During the past year we have had, first a continuation of the war with all its attendant evils, which had spread desolation and sorrow throughout our land for years.

Peace has followed; but the scenes of confusion and demoralization necessarily attending the surrender and disbandment of large armies, has been even more detrimental to the interests of religion than war. Still we trust our people are to some extent humbling themselves under the mighty hand of God.

While we have little of special interest to report from our churches, still we are not left without manifest tokens of the Spirits presence among us. A few of our Churches have had precious revivals- in some considerable interest has been felt, and in most there have been some additions to the number of members.

Yet we fear that the general character of our professing members has not kept its common tone of godliness and interest in our beloved Zion.

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Narrative to Synod Concluded.

Sunday schools are generally kept up, but not with as much interest as in former days.

We are happy however to see some symptoms of returning activity in this important agency of the Church.

Catechetical examinations are continued in most of our churches, but in many, we are sorry to say it is neglected.

Intemperance, which during the war could scarcely be regarded as a sin among us- no doubt owing in some degree, to the difficulty of obtaining ardent Spirits; seems to be on the increase.

In most of our reports from the churches we hear Complaints of the irregular conduct and the desertion of the services of the Sanctuary, of our Colored members. This is perhaps to be expected, under the circumstances.

They have suddenly been emancipated from bondage, and seem delirious with wild notions of freedom, and unwilling to submit to discipline or any part of the old order of things. We trust however that experience will work changes for the better in this respect.

(Signed) S. C. Alexander, G. D. Parks, Thomas Brown } Com.

On N. C. Presbyterian.

Dr. Kirkpatrick from the Committee on the N. C. Presbyterian presented their report, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows.

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Report on the N. C. Presbyterian

The Committee appointed on the subject of the North Carolina Presbyterian, would submit the following resolutions:

1. That the Presbytery from their acquaintance with Mr. Fuller - the proposed Editor of the paper - cherish the highest confidence in its future ability and usefulness, and would urge him to the utmost dispatch in his preparations for its re-establishment, pledging to him our active efforts to secure for it a wide circulation amongst our people.

2. That our Pastors and Sessions be earnestly requested to bring before the members of their congregations severally the claims of the Paper to their renewed favor, and to use special efforts to obtain subscribers for it, and this, if practicable in advance of its re-issue.

3. That it be recommended to each of the Sessions of our churches to endeavor to place a copy of the paper in every family connected with their congregations respectively, supplying such families, as may not be able to pay for it, from a fund raised in the congregation generally in the manner each Session may think most expedient.

(Signed) J. L. Kirkpatrick. Chm

On Motion, the Rev. H. B. Converse, of East

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Address on Children's Paper.

Hanover Presbytery, Va. was invited to address the Presbytery, concerning a Children's Paper, about to be issued in Richmond, by Wm. D. Cooke, Esqr.

The address having been heard, the paper of the Committee on Ecclesiastical relations was discussed, and a minority report was offered.

Report on Ecclesiastical relations.

On motion the report of the majority was amended, and adopted. The amended report is as follows, viz.

The Committee appointed to prepare resolutions proper to be adopted by this Presbytery touching the ecclesiastical relations of this body respectfully present the following as their report, viz.

Whereas the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, South, which was appointed to meet in Macon Ga. May 1865 failed to convene at the time and place designated.

Whereas also this Presbytery by reason of the distracted state of the Country, failing to hold its semi-annual Spring Sessions, appointed no Commissioners to said Assembly.

Resolved 1. That this Presbytery will appoint commissioners, (and she hereby invites her sister Presbyteries to do the same) to constitute and attend a meeting of the Gen-

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eral Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, to be held in the Town of Macon Ga. May 1866, under the Call, or according to the arrangements of the Moderator and Clerks of the Assembly.

Resolved 2. That the next General Assembly be, and it hereby is respectfully requested to change our denominational title to The Presbyterian Church of the Southern States.

(Signed) D. A. Penick Sen. Clm.

The minority of the Committee, and others, presented a protest, which was read and on Motion admitted to record.

The Protest is as follows.

Protest.

Statesville, N. C. Sept. 16th 1865.

We, a minority of the Presbytery of Concord, now in Session at this place, without censure or intending to censure the motives of our brethren who differ with us, do enter our most earnest and solemn protest against the action this Presbytery has taken concerning our future ecclesiastical relations.

1st. Because we believe said action to be hasty and premature.

2nd, Because we fear the agitation of this question at the present time will produce disturbance and result in consequences disastrous

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to the peace and prosperity of the Church

Protest. Concluded

es. (Signed)

E. B. Stimson
Stephen Frontis
Wm. R. Stephenson
J. A. McLellan.
N. Shotwell
John C. Ceerson
Wm. Matheson

On motion the Rev. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. and D. A. Penick Sen. were appointed to prepare an answer to the protest, to be spread on the Minutes.

The following is the answer prepared by the above named Committee, viz.

Answer to Protest.

Answer to Protest.

1. If the charge of haste and precipitancy be applicable to an action of the Presbytery in relation to a subject, which, after occupying the thoughts of many members of the body for months, was introduced early in the meeting, was discussed at three different times, and not finally taken until at the very close of one of the most protracted meetings the Presbytery ever held, we do not think it lies against the majority who proposed and made no change in the terms and relations of the Presbytery, but only did what was necessary to prevent such change.

For more than four years this Presbytery has been in connection with the Southern General Assembly. What it has now d

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is simply a declaration that we are not prepared to abandon that connection at the present time. Whether we shall in future years maintain a Southern organization or seek to re-establish our connection with the Northern Assembly is a fair question, in deciding which the voice of the whole Southern Church should be heard; and that voice can be conveniently and satisfactorily uttered only in a Southern Assembly representing all our Churches and Presbyteries.

The change in the first item in the Protest then is not applicable to those who proposed no change for the present in our ecclesiastical Status, but if at all, to those who proposed a measure, the practical effect of which would have been to make a change of a very serious import in our relations to our co-Presbyteries of the Synod, and of the whole South.

2. In reply to the second item in the Protest we would say that the action of the Presbytery was not intended, nor, as we must think, calculated to create any agitation, since it only provides that the Presbytery shall stand, for the present time, where it has stood for years past. The fear that it will "produce disturbance &c," can only be founded on the assumption that it originated in sentiments of disloyalty to the Civil Government

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of the United States, or would tend to foster them. This was distinctly disavowed by every member of the Presbytery who advocated the action on the floor of the body, and is here again distinctly and emphatically denied.

The Civil Government has never undertaken to control the ecclesiastical relations of the people of our Country. We do not believe that there is any purpose or desire of our Civil Rulers to interfere with them directly or indirectly. Whether it shall be wisest and best to preserve a Southern organization or not is a question, which at the proper time will, we doubt not, be decided, as it ought to be, with no views to the perpetuation of political or social dissentions between the different sections of the Country, but solely with reference to the purity, efficiency and welfare of the Church.

It should also be observed that every one of the signers of the protest, as indeed every member of the Presbytery who participated in the discussion touching the subject, declared that a connection with the Northern Assembly at the present time and upon the terms prescribed by that body at its last meeting, was wholly inadmissible.

We cannot see why such a declaration is not as much calculated to "produce dis-

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Answer to Protest Concluded.

turbance" as is the resolution of the Presbytery providing for the holding of another meeting of the Southern Assembly. If the Northern Assembly shall hereafter offer us terms of fellowship which shall be admissible, the way to a re-union with that body will be as open with and through a Southern Assembly as without it, and the re-union, if established by the concurrence of the entire Southern Church, speaking through the Assembly which is the bond of union between all its parts, will be more perfect and harmonious than it could be made through any other agency.

(Signed) J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. A. Penick, Jun. } Com.

Resolutions or Reports Referred

The Rev. R. Z. Johnston presented a series of resolutions concerning the proper mode of making reports on the state of religion, which were accepted, and on motion ordered to be put into the hands of the committee on the revision of the Standing Rules.

The following resolution was unanimously passed, viz.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery are hereby tendered to the people of Statesville and vicinity for their hospitality in entertaining the members of this Presbytery, to the W. N. C. R. R. Co. & to the N. C. R. R. Co. for their courtesy in

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allowing members to pass over their respective roads at half fare.

Minutes read. The minutes of to-day's Sessions were read and approved.

Adjournment. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Providence Church on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in May, 1866, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

B. L. Beall, Moderator
R. B. Anderson
J. J. Bruner } Temporary
J. D. Wilson } Clerks.

J. Rumple, Stated Clerk.

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1 List of Absentees.

Ministers absent. 1 Ministers. Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison D. D. Danl. Lindley, Robt. Burwell, Jas. E. Morrison W. N. Morrison, Wm. Graves, S. C. Millen, S. C. Pharr D. D. L. L. Stewart, D. A. Penick, Jun. & J. C. Stewart,

Churches not represented. 2 Churches and Pastorates. Mallard Creek, Unity (Lincoln) Machpelah, Castanea Grove, Shelby, Wilkesboro, Paw Creek, Lebanon, Waddesboro, Swannanoa, Rutherfordton, Little Britain, College, Flat Creek, Sandy Plains, Jab[illegible]

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Churches not represented.

Marion, Siloam, Drusilla, Long Creek, Lincolnton, Hopewell Davidsons River, Morganton, Rheims Creek, Jefferson, Back Creek & Prospect, Providence and Sharon, Concord South, Bethel, Ramah, Beulah, Mills River, Hendersonville, Duncans Creek, Dallas, Franklin (Rowan).

Statistical Rehort.

2. Statistical Report to Synod for 1865.

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of forty five Ministers, and have under their care seventy one Churches, three Licentiates and two Candidates;

That on the 27th of October 1864 they dissolved the Pastoral relation existing between the Rev. R. B. Anderson and the Church of Bethel and declared said Church vacant; ✓

That on the of 1865 they lost by death the Rev. Wm. S. Moove, leaving Franklin and Ebenezer Churches vacant;

That on the 13th of September 1865 they received on Certificate from the Presbytery of Bethel the Rev. H. H. Banks and the Rev. George J. Porter;

That on the 14th of September 1865 they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Alexander Sinclair and the Church of Charlotte, and declared said Church vacant.

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Statistical Report Concluded.

That on the 16th of September 1865 they declared that the pastoral relation should be dissolved between the Rev. S. Carruthers Alexander and the Church of Steel Creek, and said Church be declared vacant, when all the arrearages of the Pastors Salary shall be paid.

That on the 20th of October 1865 they ~~lost by death the Rev. R. B. Anderson late~~ ~~established the Church of Unity (Rowan)~~ vacant the Church of Unity (Rowan).

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery

J. Rumple.

Report on Systematic Benevolence.

3. Report on Systematic Benevolence.

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that full reports of the benevolent contributions of our churches have not been laid before us, and that such has been the scarcity of money for the last five months that very few efforts have been made to raise contributions for benevolent objects. Up to the first of April there had been paid into the Treasury of Domestic Missions $1756.20 in Confederate Currency.

Up to the same period there had been paid into the Treasury of Publication $780.24 in the same currency.

Little or nothing, it is presumed, has been

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third for the Causes of Foreign Missions and Education. As soon as the way shall be open and the churches become able to contribute again, the Presbytery hopes to engage with renewed zeal in the great benevolent enterprizes of the Church.

All which is respectfully submitted

By order of the Presbytery.

J. Rumple, Stated Clerk

Salisbury, October 23rd 1865.

Trustees of Davidson College 1858

4 Engrossed List of Trustees of Davidson College from 1858— es elected by the Presbytery of Concord.

1858 Class elected in 1858.

Rev. Messrs. H. N. Pharr, Alexander Sinclair, R. Burwell.

Messrs. Rufus Barringer Esqr. D. F. Caldwell M.D. Wm. B. McLean M.D. D. A. Caldwell & E. R. Harris

1859 Class elected in 1859.

Rev. Messrs. Nathan Shotwell, J. Rumple, S. C. Pharr D.D. R. H. Chapman D.D.

Messrs. Daniel Colman, J. J. Bruner, E. Nye Hutchison, M.D. J. H. Wilson & J. R. Gillespie

1860. Class elected in 1860

Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick Jun. J. D. Hall, G. D. Parks, B. S. Krider.

Messrs. Jas. W. Osborne, W. S. Harris, C. L. Hunter M.D. J. G. Ramsay, M.D. & Maj. Danl. H. Hill.

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Trustees of Davidson College.

1861 Class Elected in 1861.

Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison D.D. Jesse Rankin, R. N. Davis Walter W. Pharr and Wm. W. Pharr

Messrs Thos. A. Allison, R. I. McDowell, D. A. Davis and A. B. Davidson.

1862 Class Elected in 1862.

Rev. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, J. L. Kirkpatrick D. D. and R. Burwell.

Messrs Rufus Barringer, E. E. Kuykendal, Wm B. McLean M. D. D. A. Caldwell & E. R. Harris.

1863 Class elected in 1863.

Rev. Messrs. S. C. Pharr, D. D. J. Rumple, A. B. Anderson, Alexander Sinclair.

Messrs. E. Nye Hutchison M.D. J. H. Wilson, Saml. Kerr M.D. and James M. Hutchison.

1864. Class elected in 1864.

Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick Sen. Jas. D. Hall, Geo. D. Parks and B. S. Krider.

Messrs. W. S. Harris, C. L. Hunter M.D. Gen. Danl. H. Hill and Thos. B. Price.

1865 Class elected in 1865

Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D. R. N. Davis, Walter W. Pharr, Wm. W. Pharr.

Messrs. Thos. A. Allison, R. I. McDowell, A. B. Davidson and D. A. Davis.

(1862) The Rev. B. L. Beall, Class 1862. vice, Rev. R. H. Lafferty, dec.

(1859) Dr. M. A. Locke, Class 1863. vice Dr. Saml. Kerr, dec.

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1866 Trustees of Davidson College class of 1867	Class elected in 1866 Rev. Messrs. ~~J. L. Kirkpatrick~~ D. D. R. Burwell, B. L. Bull & Hon. J. W. Osborne, Gen. R. Barringer, W. B. McLean M.D. D. A. Caldwell & ~~E. A. Harris~~ Dr. J. J. Summerell Rev. A. W. Miller, vice Rev. B. S. Krider, decd. S. C. Pharr D.D. ~~& Secretary~~ J. Rumple, R. B. Anderson, E. Nye Hutchison, J. H. Wilson R. L. Beall J. M. Hutchison
1868	Rev. D. A. Penick Gen. Rev. J. D. Hall, Rev G. D. Parks, Rev. A. W. Miller D. D. Wm. S. Harris Esqr. Dr. C. L. Hunter, Gen. D. H. Hill, & Dr. J. J. Ramsay
1869	Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. Rev. R. N. Davis Rev. Walter W. Pharr Wm. W. Pharr Thos. A. Allison, R. L. McDowell, A. B. Davidson, D. A. Davis.

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Trustees of Concord Female College	5 Engrossed List of Trustees of Concord Female College.
1858	Class elected 1858. Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, R. H. Lafferty and W. C. Barringer Esqr.
1859	Class elected in 1859. Rev. Walter W. Pharr, J. W. Stockton & D. H. McRorie.
1860	Class elected in 1860. Rev. E. H. Rockwell, Rev. B. S. Krider & Col. J. A. Allison
1861	Class elected in 1861 Rev. J. Rumple, Messrs. D. A. Davis and W. H. Cowan
1862	Class elected in 1862. Rev. R. H. Lafferty, Rev. W. B. Watts & J. J. Ramsay M.D.
1863	Class elected in 1863. Rev. Walter W. Pharr, Messrs. J. W. Stockton & A. C. Stockton
1864	Class elected in 1864. Rev. E. H. Rockwell, Rev. B. S. Krider & Col. J. A. Allison
1865	Class elected in 1865. Rev. J. Rumple, & D. A. Davis & R. H. Simonton, Esqrs.
(1862)	Rev. G. D. Parks, in Class 1862, vice R. H. Lafferty decd.
1866	Rev. G. D. Parks, Rev. W. B. Watts & J. J. Ramsay, M.D.
1867	Class elected in 1867 Walter W. Pharr, J. W. Stockton, A. C. Stockton. 1864 W. A. Mood in place of B. S. Krider. dec.
1868	

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1869 Trustees of Concord H. College.

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The Committee to

Approved with the following exceptions viz 1st On page 151. Rev W. A. Hood was appointed one Committee to take testimony in a judicial Case while a Member of another Presbytery. 2nd On page 169. It is admitted that Ministers may demit the Ministry at will which is not in accordance with the usages and Standards of our Church Colin Shaw Mod.

Charlotte. N. C. Tuesday. Nov. 14. 1865.

Charlotte Nov. 14th 1865

Presbytery Meets. The Presbytery of Concord met in pursuance of the call of the Moderator, in the Presbyterian Church, at 11 o'clock A. M, and was constituted with prayer, by the Rev. B. L. Beall, the Moderator

The following Ministers and Ruling Elders were present and enrolled viz

Roll.	Ministers.	Ruling Elders	Churches.
	D. A. Penick Sen.	R. H. Morrison	Rocky River
	R. Burwell,	M. D. Johnston	Charlotte
	J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D.	J. M. Hutchison	Sugar Creek
	Walter W. Pharr	C. S. Alexander	Sharon
	B. L. Beall,	S. W. Craig	New Hope
	S. C. Pharr D.D.	J. R. Davidson	Hopewell
	A. Sizelair.	Wm. Hutchison	Mallard Creek
	J. Rumple	J. J. Brunes	Salisbury
	Wm. W. Pharr	Wm. Clark	Steel Creek
	S. C. Alexander	J. Knox	Pleasant Hill
	Wm. McDonald		

Temporary Clerk. The Rev. S. C. Pharr D. D. was appointed temporary Clerk.

Miller Pratt & Hunter. The Rev. Messrs. A. W. Miller of East Hanover Presbytery, H. B. Pratt of Orange Presbytery and John Hunter of the 1st Presbytery. R. R. Sym of, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The following call of the Moderator was then read— viz—

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Moderators Call.

A called meeting of Concord Presbytery will be held in Charlotte on the fourteenth of November 1865 at 11 o'clock A. M. to attend to the following business:

1 To appoint commissioners to attend the meeting of the General Assembly at Macon Ga. Dec. 14th 1865

2 To hear complaint of grievance from Pleasant Hill Church against Little Steel Creek Church, Associate Reformed.

(Signed)

R. L. Beall Moderator.

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P. S. Church Sessions are requested to send to this meeting their assessments for Commissioners' Fund. S. H. B. Mod'r.

Second item taken up.

On motion the Presbytery proceeded to take up the second item in the call of the Moderator, viz. The complaint of grievance of Pleasant Hill Church against the Church of Little Steel Creek, A. R. The com-

Documents read

plaint was read, together with the proceedings of the Session of Pleasant Hill church touching the alleged cause of grievance, and the correspondence between the two churches, in reference to the case.

Committee appointed

On motion the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick D. D. the Rev. Walter W. Pharr, and Ruling Elder James M. Hutchison were appointed a

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committee to prepare a minute expressive of the views of the Presbytery on this case.

Recess.

The Presbytery then took a recess of one hour, to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

After Recess. 2 o'clock P. M.

J. C. Alexander. Corresponding member.

The Presbytery met. The Rev. J. C. Alexander, of the Presbytery of Orange, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

First item taken up.

The Presbytery then took up the first item of business in the Moderators call.

Commissioners-Clerical

The Rev. R. L. Beall, and the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D. were elected principal commissioners to the General Assembly, and the

Alternates

Rev. S. C. Alexander, alternate to the Rev. R. L. Beall, and the Rev. J. Rumple, alternate to Dr. Kirkpatrick.

Ruling Elders

Gen. D. H. Hill and Charles J. Alexander Ruling Elders, were elected principals, and the

Alternates

Hon. James W. Osborne, alternate to Gen. Hill, and R. H. Morrison, alternate to Charles J. Alexander.

Temporary Treasurer. Expenses.

In the absence of the Treasurer of Presbytery the Rev. J. Rumple was appointed to receive the Commissioners' fund, and pay it over to the several Commissioners, to defray their expenses to the General Assembly.

Kennedy preach at New Hope.

Licentiate John J. Kennedy was directed to preach one Sabbath at New Hope Church during the absence of the Rev. R. L. Beall

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Committee Report.

Dr. Kirkpatrick from the Committee to prepare a minute concerning the Complaint of Grievance from the Church of Pleasant Hill presented the following form of a letter from the Presbytery of Concord to the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, which was adopted, and ordered to be signed by the Stated Clerk, and forwarded to said Presbytery, viz.

Report

Charlotte N.C. Nov. 14th 1865.

Concord Presbytery in Session in the place and at the time as above,

To the First Presbytery of the
Associate Reformed Synod of the South.
Dear Brethren.

Introduction.

The following Communication is made, we beg you to believe, with sentiments of the highest regard for your body, and with the sincere desire to strengthen and multiply, rather than to impair, the bands of Christian affection, which may now exist between you and ourselves. We could say much more to the same purport, but are assured that our motives will not be misconceived by you, so that further expressions of our feelings toward you, are superfluous.

Statement

It has been represented to us, formally and officially, by the Session of Pleasant Hill Church, under our care, that during the last

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Statement

Spring, a member of that Church, being also an officer in it, was reported to the Session as having been guilty of certain offences against the peace of the Church, and of other acts inconsistent with his Christian profession — that the Session proceeded forthwith to appoint a committee of their body to confer with him and endeavor to persuade him to the proper discharge of his duty in the matter alleged against him — that failing to receive what they regarded as due satisfaction from him, the committee reported the results of their conference with him to the Session; whereupon the Session, with all convenient and reasonable dispatch, reduced the charges alleged against him to distinct Charges and Specifications, and ordered a citation to be served on him, for a final trial in the premises — that at the same meeting at which the charges were thus tabled, an application was received from him for a certificate of dismission to connect himself with the Little Steel Creek Church, belonging to your body; which application the Session declined to grant on the ground that he was under process of discipline for offences not yet adjudicated — and that soon after this his trial still pending — he was admitted as a member, in full communion, into the said Little Steel Creek Church.

Views of Presbytery.

It is the view of this Presbytery that discipline properly commences whenever the Session of a

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Church entertain a complaint or report of unchristian conduct on the part of a member of the Church under their care, and that the appointment of a committee to confer with the member sorported is a distinct and, in many cases, a very appropriate, step in the course of that discipline. It seems to have been so intended in the case before us. So that if even the formal tabling of the charges, and the application for a dismission should be regarded as simultaneous, the latter was manifestly subsequent to the first step, to say nothing of its being subsequent to the commission and notoriety of the offenses alleged against the party, which itself would have rendered the granting of the dismission irregular and improper.

In addressing your body, we feel that there is no occasion for us to specify, much less to expatiate on the manifold evils to the peace and dignity of the churches, both yours and ours, which must result from the practice and toleration of departures from the laws of fraternal Comity, such as the above appears on its face. We are willing however to believe, and take pleasure in saying to you that we do believe, that the Session of Little Steel Creek Church, acted under impressions, and were influenced by considerations, which clear them from the charge of intentional wrong.

We have thought it our duty, nevertheless, to lay before you the facts of the case, as represented to us,

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Matter referred to Presbytery N.B.

from the Records and other official documents of the Session of Pleasant Hill Church; and having done this, to leave it with your body, to whom it properly appertains, to take such further measures in the disposal of the whole matter as to you may seem right, necessary and wise.

Treaty or League proposed.

It has occurred to us in connection with this subject to suggest to you whether it might not be both practicable and advisable, for your body and ours, interpenetrating as they do at so many points, and having so many churches in immediate proximity to each other, to enter into something like a treaty or league, setting forth the principles which should be recognized, and the rules which should be observed, in the transferences, which must frequently occur, of members from one communion to the other, and perhaps also, in the intercourse between our Churches in other particulars. If this suggestion commends itself to your judgments, as likely to promote the great interests of our Redeemers Kingdom, we should be happy to raise a committee to act jointly with one appointed by you, in arranging the terms of such treaty or league, to be submitted to each Presbytery for approval

Joint Committee proposed.

In the bonds of a common faith and hope

Yours most fraternally."

Adjournment.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Presbytery adjourned sine die. Closed with prayer (Signed) B. L. Grall, Moderator
L. Rumple Stated Clerk. S. C. Pharr Temp. Clerk

Providence Church, Wednesday, May 2nd 1866.

Providence Church, Mecklenburg, N. C.
Wednesday, May 2nd 1866, 10 o'clock A. M.

Opening Sermon. Text.

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Benjamin L. Beall from Acts 10th and 38th, "Who went about doing good."

Constitution

After sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Roll of Members

The roll being called the following Ministers and Ruling Elders reported and their names were recorded, Viz.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.	Churches.
Jesse Rankin	David White	Rocky River
D. A. Penick Jun.	A. G. Neal	Steel Creek
Nathan Shotwell	Wm. H. Cowan	Bethany
R. H. Chapman D.D.	J. C. Montgomery	Fifth Creek
J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D.	Thos. A. Allison	Fourth Creek
William Graves,	William Arrawood	Long Creek
S. S. Muckland.	A. Alexander	Hopewell
J. H. W. Freeman	W. H. Bailey	Paw Creek,
Walter W. Pharr	J. W. Reid	New Hope
S. C. Millen D. D.	E. Nye Hutchisson	Charlotte
E. P. Davis	D. A. Davis	Salisbury
S. C. Pharr D.D.	J. S. Watts	Concord
B. L. Beall	W. S. Harris	Poplar Tent,
W. C. Shultz	H. N. Gray	Prospect
J. D. Parks	Robert Glier	Providence

Providence Church Wednesday May 2nd 1866

	Ministers	Ruling Elders	Churches
Roll of Members	J. Rumple	J. N. Choate	Pleasant Hill
	J. S. Barr	Thos. Brown	Joshua
	D. A. Penick Jun.	Cyrus Morrison	Philadelphia
	William W. Kharr	J. D. Johnston	Third Creek
	J. D. Wilson	E. Rice	Unity - Rowan
	L. J. Johnston	A. F. Summey	Asheville
	W. M. Kilpatrick	James McElhiney	Olney
	R. B. Anderson	R. L. McDowell	Unity - Lincoln
	Thos. E. Davis	S. H. Johnston	Castanea Grove
	William McDonald	L. P. Irvine	Rutherfordton
	J. R. Brackett	J. M. Caldwell	Sugar Creek
	H. H. Banks	J. Kirk	Mallard Creek

Recess — The Presbytery then took a recess until one o'clock P. M.

After Recess, 1 o'Clock P. M.

Election of Moderator & Clerks — The Presbytery met - and proceeded to the election of Officers.

The Rev. Robert B. Anderson was elected Moderator, and the Rev. R. L. Davis, and Mr. A. F. Summey temporary Clerks.

Corresponding Members. — The Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell of the Presbytery of Cherokee, the Rev. A. W. Miller of East Tennessee, the Rev. D. P. Johnston of the North Mississippi, the Rev. George E. Eagleton of the North Alabama the Rev. John Douglass, of the Charleston, the Rev. H. B. Pratt, of the Orange, with the Rev. John Hunter & Rev. A. H. Peoples of the first

Providence Church Wednesday May 2nd 1866

Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding Members.

Minutes read — The Minutes of the last semi-annual meeting, and of the 'pro re nata' meeting in Charlotte were read.

Report of Supplies — The brethren appointed to supply vacant churches and Missionary Stations were called upon for their reports. Only a few reported compliance with the direction of Presbytery.

Letters from Watts, Morrison & Porter. — Letters were read from the Rev. Messrs W. B. Watts, J. E. Morrison and J. J. Porter, assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting.

Letter from Gongen, committee to confer — A letter from Mr. J. H. Gongen, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, asking that his name be stricken from the roll of Candidates, and assigning reasons therefor, was read. On motion a committee consisting of the Rev. J. Rumple, the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick D. D. and E. Nye Hutchison M. D. was appointed to confer with Mr. Gongen, and report to the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Letter from Dr. Boyce — A letter was read from the Rev. James Boyce, Stated Clerk of the Gen. Ass. of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, acknowledging the reception of the communication from this Presbytery touching the affair of Pleasant Hill, & promising to lay it before his Presbytery.

Letter from — A letter from the Rev. Mr. Banks, Stated

Providence Church. Wednesday. May 2nd 1866.

Bethel Presbytery referred

Clerk of the Bethel Presbytery was read and referred to a select committee consisting of the Rev. R. N. Davis, the Rev. W. W. Sharp & the Rev. B. L. Beall

Letter from Hood referred

A letter from the Rev. J. Hood, of the Union Presbytery, late United Synod, asking to be enrolled as a member of this Presbytery, was referred to a select committee, consisting of the Rev. R. H. Chapman D. D. the Rev. J. Kemple, & Mr. A. T. Summey.

Douglas Miller Eagleton Pratt. certificate

The following brethren presented letters of dismission from their respective Presbyteries to Concord Presbytery, viz. the Rev. John Douglas from the Presbytery of Charleston, Synod of South Carolina, the Rev. A. W. Miller, from the Presbytery of East Hanover Synod of Virginia, the Rev. George E. Eagleton, from the Presbytery of North Alabama, Synod of Nashville, & the Rev. H. B. Pratt, from the Presbytery of Orange, Synod of North Carolina. These letters being read, on Motion the Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning, nine o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

✓ Thursday Morning 9 o'clock
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The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

On Motion the Presbytery proceeded to examine

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Douglas et alt. examined & received

the Rev. Messrs. John Douglas, A. W. Miller, George E. Eagleton and H. B. Pratt, as required by the rules of the Presbyterian Church, and their examination was sustained, and their names entered upon the roll of Presbytery.

Rockwell appears

The Rev. E. H. Rockwell appeared in Presbytery, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the following list of Standing Committees, viz.

Bills

1 On Bills and Overtures.
Rev. D. A. Penick Sen. Rev. Jesse Rankin, and J. E. Montgomery R. E.

Judicial

2 Judicial Committee.
Rev. A. W. Miller, Rev. B. L. Beall & W. S. Harris. R. E.

Assembly

3 On the Minutes of the General Assembly.
Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick D. D. Rev. S. C. Millen D. D. and Robt. Grier. R. E.

Synod

4. On the Minutes of Synod.
Rev. Robt. Hett Chapman D. D. Rev. S. C. Harris D. D. and R. J. McDowell. R. E.

Devotion

5. On Devotional Exercises.
Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Rev. Wm. McDonald, and J. M. Watts. R. E.

Supplies

6 On Supplies.
Rev. Walter W. Sharp, Rev. J. S. Barr and H. N. Gray. R. E.

Records.

7 On Sessional Records.
(a) Rev. B. L. Beall and D. A. Allison R. E.

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Com. on Records. Shuty — the Records of Malland Creek, Mahpelah, Unity (Lincoln) Castanea Grove, Lenoir & Newton,

Rev. W. C. Shuty & W. H. Cathey on the Records of Rocky River, Dallas, Steel Creek, Lebanon, Wadesboro & Goshen.

Parks — (c). The Rev. J. D. Parks and A. Alexander R. E. on the Records of Swannanoa, Rutherfordton, Little Britain, Shelby, Hendersonville and College Church

Barr — (d) The Rev. J. S. Barr and J. W. Reid, R. E. on the Records of Davidsons River, Mills River, Bethany, Zion, Fifth Creek and Beulah.

Penick — (e) The Rev. D. A. Penick Jun, and W. S. Harris on the Records of Fourth Creek, Taylorsville, Salem, Marion, Siloam and Drusilla.

Phare — (f) The Rev. Mm. W. Phare and J. S. Watts R. E. on the Records of Long Creek, Lincolnton, Hopewell, Paw Creek, New Hopewell & Morgantown.

Wilson — (g) The Rev. J. D. Wilson and H. N. Gray R. E. on the Records of Bethesda, Thyatira, Charlotte, Salisbury, Concord and Shiloh.

Kilpatrick — (h) The Rev. W. M. Kilpatrick and J. N. Choate R. E. on the Records of Rheims Creek, Poplar Tent, Bethpage, Centre, Hiwassee and Milksboro

McDonald — (i) The Rev. Mm. McDonald and Thos. Brown R. E. on the Records of Jefferson, Back Creek, Prospect, Providence, Sharon, Pleasant Hill, Joshua, Franklin (Rowan) Concord Town and Ramah

Brackett — (k) The Rev. J. R. Brackett and Robert Grier R. E. on the Records of Bethel, Philadelphia, Beth-

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lehem, Third Creek, Unity (Rowan) Asheville, Duncans Creek and Flat Creek.

Davis. — (l) The Rev. T. E. Davis and Cyrus Morrison R. E. on the Records of Sandy Plains, Olney, Franklin (Macon) Ebenezer and Sugar Creek.

Narrative — & On the Narrative to the General Assembly, Rev. J. D. Parks, Rev. J. R. Brackett, and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison R. E.

Sugar Creek & H. B. Pratt — A letter from the Congregation of Sugar Creek was read asking leave to withdraw the call now in the hands of the Presbytery, for the Pastoral services of the Rev. H. B. Pratt, and asking leave to employ him as Stated Supply. The application was ordered to be placed on the docket.

Call from Charlotte A. W. Miller — A call was read from the Church of Charlotte for the pastoral services of the Rev. A. W. Miller, promising him two thousand dollars and a parsonage, and on motion placed in his hands for consideration.

Com. of Publication — A communication from the General Assembly's Committee of Publication was read, and ordered to be put upon the docket.

Carson & Stewarts. — Certain Letters from the Rev. J. C. Carson, and ~~from~~ the Rev. Messrs. J. C. and L. L. Stewart, were read, and on motion, referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. A. W. Miller, J. D. Parks, B. L. Beall, R. J. Johnson and S. C. Alexander D.D. and R. Elders W. S. Harris and R. J. McDowell, and W. H. Bowen.

Committee.

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Stough cor. Member

The Rev. A. L. Stough, of the Baptist Church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Report on Dev. Ex.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report, viz.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises report, 1st. That 11 o'clock each day be set apart ~~each day~~ by the Presbytery for the public worship of God.

2nd That the Rev. John Douglas be appointed to preach to-day at 11 o'C. M. and that the appointment of those who shall preach after to-day, shall be assigned to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

3rd. That Friday afternoon, 3 o'clock, be set apart for Devotional Exercises to be conducted as follows— Psalmody by the Moderator, Prayer by the Rev. J. E. Edgerton— Reading Scriptures by the Rev. J. D. Wilson, Exhortation by the Rev. R. H. Chapman D. D. Psalmody by the Moderator.

Signed R. Z. Johnston, Chm.

The report was adopted.

McKay on N. C. Presb.

On motion Col. W. McL. McKay, proprietor of the N. C. Presbyterian, was heard in reference to the interests of that Paper in a few pertinent remarks.

Hall & Alexander appear.

The Rev. Messrs. James D. Hall & S. C. Alexander appeared in Presbytery and rendered Satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

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Com^e to Assembly report.

The Rev. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick D. D. and E. L. Beall, Commissioners to the last General Assembly made their report as to their attendance upon its Sessions and the expenses incurred. The Treasurer was directed to pay arrearages due them, as soon as practicable.

Presbytery then took a recess until one o'clock P. M.

One o'clock P. M.

After recess the Presbytery met.

Com. to nominate Trustees

The Rev. Messrs. J. Lee Rankin and J. D. Wilson with Ruling Elder D. A. Davis were appointed a Committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College and for Concord Female College.

Com. to prepare a Pastoral

On motion the Rev. D. A. Penick Sen. the Rev. R. Z. Johnston and Mr. W. S. Harris were appointed to prepare a Pastoral Letter to the Churches.

R. J. Johnstons paper

A Paper on the State of the churches was read by the Rev. R. Z. Johnston, and referred to the Committee on the Pastoral Letter.

Com. to audit accts. of Educ. & Ch. Ex.

The Rev. J. D. Parks, and D. A. Davis Esqr were appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Education, and of Church Extension.

Report of Com. to revise Standing rules.

The Committee appointed at the Session at Bethany Church to revise the Standing Rules of the Presbytery presented a report, which was taken up seriatim, amended and adopted. The Report is as follows, viz

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Rule

Standing Rules of Concord Presbytery.

1st. The Presbytery deems it dutiful to devote more of the time of its Sessions in devising ways and means for the promotion and extension of the Redeemers kingdom; and with the view of securing this desirable end, the following shall be the times appointed to hear the reports of the Agents and Committees, who have in charge the several objects of christian benevolence, together with the addresses that may be delivered by persons designated for that purpose.

D. M. — 1st Domestic Missions, 2nd day of Spring Sessions 11 o'clock A.M.
F. M. — 2nd Foreign Missions " " " Fall " "
Educ. — 3rd Education 3rd " Spring " "
Pub. — 4th Publication " " Fall " "

Rule on Diss. of Pas. Rela.

Rule 2nd. When a petition is presented to this Presbytery for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, they will require a full Statement of the reasons on which that petition is based, and unless the reasons are satisfactory they will in no case grant such a request.

Examining Committees

Rule 3rd. For the purpose of examining candidates on the different branches of study preparatory to Licensure, all the regular members of Presbytery shall be divided into permanent Committees under the following heads, viz.

1st Hebrew. 2nd Greek and Latin.

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3rd. Sciences; 4th Theology; 5th Ecclesiastical History; 6th Church Government.

The Stated Clerk shall keep these Committees arranged in a convenient form and readily accessible.

Rule 4th.

Deceased Ministers

Whenever a minister of this Presbytery is removed by death, a special Committee shall be appointed to prepare an outline of his life and character, to be reported at a subsequent meeting of Presbytery, and recorded in a book procured for that purpose.

Rule 5th.

Calls—Sums to be recorded

Whenever a call is ordered by Presbytery to be placed in the hands of the Minister called, the sum specified in the call shall be made a matter of record.

Rule 6th.

Institution Pastoral relations

Whenever any Church within our bounds has had the Gospel preached to them for more than two years by the same Minister, the said Church and Stated Supply shall be called upon at the next regular Fall Meeting of the Presbytery to give the reasons why the necessary steps for constituting the pastoral relation have not been taken.

Rule 7th.

Electing Trustees

This Presbytery will elect Trustees for the literary institutions under its care during the regular Spring Meetings; and the

Stated Clerk will be required to keep a record of such elections and to forward to the persons elected official notice of the fact.

Rule 8th.

Mode of Organization.

In the organization of this Presbytery, at each regular meeting, the Stated Clerk, or in his absence, some one appointed by the Presbytery, shall call the names of the Ministers, and then the roll of the Churches, and the Ruling Elders representing the Churches, shall report their names, in order to their enrollment as members of the Presbytery.

Rule 9th.

Reports from Sessions

At the regular meeting of the Presbytery next preceding the meeting of the General Assembly, the Presbytery will call for written or verbal reports from each Church, or Church Session, embracing the following considerations,

1st What ordinances have been enjoyed by the church during the year, and what the effect upon the advancement of religion and the growth of the Church?

2nd, Whether the Stated objects of Christian Benevolence have been presented to the congregation, and contributions secured?

3rd, If these objects have not been presented and secured, what were the reasons of the failure?

4th Whether the Salary of the Pastor or Stated

Supply has been paid, and whether the sum paid or pledged is adequate to his support, and if not, whether the Congregation is able to pay more?

5th. In the case of vacant churches— What efforts have been made to secure a supply— what the prospects of success, and what sum the church will pledge for supplies that the Presbytery may furnish?

6th, What the Eldership have done to maintain the religious life of the church during their vacancy, by means of Sabbath Schools, prayer meetings, visiting families, and Catechising Children?

Rule 10th.

Commissioners' Reports

Our Commissioners to the General Assembly shall report at the next regular meeting after the adjournment of the Assembly, the amount of their expenses, and the Treasurer of Presbytery shall settle with them according to this report.

Rule 11th.

Read semi-annually

These rules shall be read at every regular Fall Meeting of the Presbytery.

Resolutions.

Sessions to elect delegates.

1st Resolved that each church Session entitled to a representative be enjoined, not only to elect a Delegate, both principal and alternate for each semi-annual meeting of Presbytery, but also to enter the name of the delegate &c.

Delegates accountable to Sessions

chosen upon its Records

2nd. That the Presbytery earnestly enjoin it on the several Church Sessions to hold their delegates to a strict accountability for their regular and punctual attendance on the Sessions of Presbytery, and to censure them for a failure, on insufficient grounds, to discharge this important duty.

Expenses to be defrayed

3rd. Resolved, that in order to secure a full attendance of Delegates, the congregations under our care be enjoined to pay the expenses of their Pastors, State a Supplies, and Elders in attending the meetings of Presbytery and Synod.

(Signed) Walter W. Pharr, Ch.

Copies to be furnished

On motion the Stated Clerk was directed to have all the parts of the foregoing rules, which relate to our Churches and their Sessions printed on a sheet of a size and form convenient for being attached to the Books of Records kept by the Sessions, and in sufficient number to furnish at least one copy to each Session.

Report of Concord Female College.

The Rev. E. H. Rockwell presented the Annual Report of the Trustees of Concord Female College, which was received, approved, and is as follows;

Statesville, April 30th 1866

The Trustees of the Concord Female College, in submitting an annual report to the Presbytery, first of all, express their

Report of Concord Female College continued

profound thankfulness, that God has visited the inmates of the College with a gracious refreshing from his presence. About eighteen of the pupils have been hopefully converted to God, during the past year. The Pastor of the Church, and the Rev. W. L. Miller, visited the young ladies, and aided in meetings of inquiry among them. Bro. J. J. Stevens rendered invaluable services during this season of revival.

It is an interesting fact, that about thirty of the young ladies connected with the College are the professed followers of Christ. Their associations are unusually pleasant, and we trust, mutually advantageous.

We are pleased that their attention to their studies, and their progress in intellectual culture, are worthy of commendation.

The faculty is large, and eminently qualified for their great work. The presence of forty boarders in the college, when the pecuniary embarrassment of the country is so great, is evidence of its favorable position before the public mind. Its reputation is evidently improving.

The address of the President of the College, published in the N. C. Presbyterian, on the 28th of February, sets forth its large and unexpected indebtedness, which claimes our most serious consideration.

The Trustees respectfully suggest the im-

importance of increased effort on the part of the Ministers and elders and people of the Presbytery to enlarge its patronage. We feel assured if its founders and friends will manfully surround it, and give it their cordial and efficient support, it may soon attain the measure of prosperity hoped for in the early dawn of its history.

(Signed) E. H. Rockwell. Pres. Board
Jos. W. Stockton Secy
Walter W. Pharr
Thos. A. Allison

Paper of inquiry concerning certain Ministers

On motion the following paper, after being read, was referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. R. H. Chapman D.D. Rev. D. A. Penick, Jun. and Mr. R. J. McDowell, for investigation of the whole matter, viz.

Whereas it is currently rumoured that certain ministers belonging to this Presbytery have received Commissions, and have received, or are to receive pay for services as Ministers, from the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America- this being without the knowledge or consent of this Presbytery;

And whereas it is the declared purpose of the said Board of Domestic Missions, acting under instructions from the said General Assembly, to inaugurate measures among our Southern churches, the tendency of which cannot be otherwise than toward dissention and strife,

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to inquire into the correctness of these rumors, and to report to the Presbytery what, if any, action is required to be taken in relation to the whole matter.

Paw Creek changed to Caldwell.

By request of the Congregation of Paw Creek the name of said church was changed to Caldwell after the name of its venerable founder.

Statistics deferred

On motion the reception of Statistical reports was deferred until the regular fall meeting of the Presbytery, and the Sessions were directed to send up at that time as full and accurate statistics as possible, embracing the whole period from the last reports made to the Presbytery in the Spring of 1864.

Paper from Rocky River, referred.

A paper from the Session of the Rocky River church asking the Judgement of the Presbytery concerning a case of discipline in said church, was read, and, on motion, referred to the Judicial Committee.

Papers from Steel Creek referred.

Certain Papers from the Church of Steel Creek, were read and referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures for examination.

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com. to arrange for installation of A. W. Miller.

The Rev. A. W. Miller, having signified his acceptance of the call from the Church of Charlotte, the Rev. D. A. Penick pro tem, the Rev. Wm. McDonald, and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for his installation.

com. to settle Salary of S.C. Alexander reports.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Presbytery to assist in the settlement of Salary between the Rev. S. C. Alexander and the Church of Steel Creek, made a Report, which was accepted, (and its consideration deferred,) that they had adjusted the question

Davis & Hutchison versus Stewart.

The Case of D. A. Davis and E. Nye Hutchison versus the Rev. John C. Stewart was called up, when it appeared that the prosecutors were present, and declared their readiness to proceed with the trial. It appeared also that the Rev. John C. Stewart, the accused, was not present. Whereupon it was resolved that the trial of the above case be appointed for the next regular meeting of the Presbytery, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to cite the accused to appear before the Presbytery at the said meeting, giving due notice to him of the time and place, and reminding him that this will be the second time he has been cited.

Presbytery then proceeded to select the place and time for the next meeting

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Time Place next Meeting.

of the Presbytery. Morgantown was chosen as the place, and Wednesday, the 3rd day of October 1866, 10 o'clock A.M. as the time.

com. on fund for disabled ministers.

The Committee on the fund for disabled ministers reported that nothing had been done for several years, and at their own request, were discharged.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning 9 o'clock.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected, after the calling of the roll.

com. to prepare notice of Rev. B. S. Hixier.

A Committee consisting of the Rev. R. H. Chapman D.D. Rev. G. Rumple and Rev. G. D. Parks, was appointed to prepare for the Minutes, a paper in relation to the death of the Rev. B. S. Hixier, which had been just announced in the Presbytery.

Papers from Steel Creek returned.

The Committee of Bills and overtures returned the Papers from the Steel Creek Church, which had been placed in their hands, and asked that they be referred to another Committee. On motion this request was granted, and the Rev. Messrs G. D. Parks, G. R. Brackett, and D. A. Penick were appointed on said Committee.

New Com.

Providence Friday the 4th of May 1866

Com of Dedications

The Rev. William McDonald was appointed a member of the Presbytery's Committee of Domestic Missions, in the place of the Rev. B. L. Kidder, deceased.

Pastoral Letter concerning Freedmen

The Committee, appointed at the last meeting to prepare a Pastoral Letter to the Churches upon the subject of the freedmen, presented the following report, which was adopted and ordered to be sent to the N. B. Presbyterian for publication.

To the Pastors and Churches under the care of Concord Presbytery.

Dear Brethren:— In view of the altered condition of the colored members of our Congregations, the Presbytery of Concord deems it proper to address to you a few words of counsel touching the duties growing out of existing relations. We therefore ask your prayerful and dispassionate consideration of this whole subject.

It is freely admitted that various matters of extreme difficulty and delicacy surround this whole subject, calling for the wisdom of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove. Radical changes in the domestic relations of any community are always attended by the excited - often an embittered state of feeling. Great provocations will naturally arise, demanding the exercise of Christian forbearance and charity. On all occasions, it is the part of the true christian to exercise that charity which "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, and which never faileth." The power of kindness is the only power left; but it is a power that may be used with the utmost success. In some instances it may not be appreciated, but ultimately it must triumph, and when achieved its victories will be complete and permanent.

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Pastoral Letter concerning Freedmen continued.

That we have a deep, personal interest in the welfare of the colored population of our country, is an important fact. The simple dictates of humanity necessitate a tender care for them. Thrown upon their own resources, with little natural or acquired fitness to care for themselves, either in a worldly or religious point of view, and without being personally responsible for this change in their condition, they must be dependent on others for counsel sympathy and aid. We cannot, we dare not, like the inhuman Priest and Levite, pass by upon the other side, and leave them to perish; but rather like the good Samaritan, it is our duty to extend all practicable aid to them in their hour of need.

Their original condition as members of our families, their nearness to us, their daily association with us, constitute them our neighbors, whom we are bound to love as ourselves.

Letter concerning the Freedmen continued

Our daily intercourse with them affords us peculiar facilities for doing them good. And if the ignorance and idleness of distant heathen nations awaken our sympathies and challenge our assistance, much more should the sorrows of those who are easily, and at all times, accessible.

Besides all this, from present providential indications their destiny seems to be mixed up with ours, and that of our children. The instincts of self-preservation should impel us to the use of all available means for their moral and religious elevation.

It is still further important for our peace and safety that the colored people receive their instruction from those amongst whom they have been brought up, and among whom they are expected to live. Our past associations peculiarly fit our people for a just appreciation of their wants and capacities. We trust also that they are animated with a more genuine affection for them, than those who are entirely ignorant of their character.

It is still further evident that their instructors will impart to them their own peculiar views. If instruction by those who are hostile to us in feeling, we can but expect that the breaches already made will be widened, and a permanent and irre-

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-oncilable dissention exist among the races. If, on the contrary, their education is conducted by our own people, or by those friendly to us, we may reasonably hope that harmony and kindly feeling will increase, until all traces of alienation shall disappear.

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Sabbath Schools.

In view of these facts, the Presbytery would recommend the general establishment of Sabbath Schools in all our congregations, where the number of colored people is sufficient to require them. These Sabbath Schools should be under the direction of the respective Church Sessions, and the teachers, either white or colored, should be such as the Sessions may approve. Experience has proved, that where it is practicable, the colored teachers are employed to the best advantage, and increase the interest which the colored people feel in the enterprise.

By means of these Schools the minds of the young will be imbued with wholesome religious knowledge; and many, who, from their inability to go to the day-schools are left in ignorance, would thus learn to read the word of God which is able to make them wise unto Salvation.

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Day Schools.

That the colored people are to receive [illegible] tial education, at last, is probable; and it

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their altered condition, it is eminently desirable. Ignorance is the fruitful mother of superstition, prejudice and crime. Where an education is properly conducted, its general tendency is to enhance usefulness, and to foster virtue and religion. It is our interest to see that the education of the colored people in our midst, so far as it goes should be wholesome and judicious, And since the Presbyterian Church has ever been the advocate of sound learning, faithfulness to our past history, and present principles, demands of us a serious consideration of the question of the education of the colored people.

We therefore recommend to all the churches in our bounds to favor and encourage all proper efforts to establish schools for their education, especially under the direction of suitable Southern Teachers, if such can be obtained.

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Church Relations.

In regard to the relation of our colored members to the several churches with which they have always stood connected, the General Assembly, at its recent Sessions in Macon, Ga. has expressed the sentiments of the Church, and appointed an able and judicious Committee to mature still further action for the next General Assembly. Most cordially approving the action of the Assembly,

Pastoral concerning Freedmen concluded.

the Presbytery of Concord would call special attention to it, and report its preamble and resolutions, as the conclusion of this letter.

"Whereas, The colored people never stood in any other relation to the church, than that of human beings, lost with us in the fall of Adam, and redeemed with us by the infinitely meritorious death and sacrifice of Christ, and partici pants with us in all the benefits and blessings of the Gospel; and, whereas, our Pastors, Churches and people, have always recognized this claim to Christian equality and brotherhood, and have rejoiced to have them associated in Christian union and communion in the public services and precious sacraments of the sanctuary,

Resolved 1st. That the abolition of slavery by the civil and military powers has not altered the relations, as above defined, in which our Church stands to the Colored people, nor in any degree lessened the debt of love and service which we owe to them, nor the interest with which we still desire to be associated with them, in all the privileges of our common humanity.

Resolved 2nd. That whereas experience has invariably proved the advantages of the colored people and the white being united together in the worship of God, we see no reason why it should be otherwise, now that they are freedmen and not slaves. Should our colored friends think it best to separate from us, and organize themselves into distinct Congregations, under white Pastors and Elders for the present, or under colored Elders and

Pastors, as soon as God in his Providence shall raise up men suitably qualified for those offices this Church will do all in its power to encourage, foster and assist them.

(Signed) J. Rumple
R. B. Anderson } Com.

The committee appointed to bring in a Pastoral letter on the State of the Church, presented the following, which was adopted, and ordered to be sent to the North Carolina, and the Southern, Presbyterian, for publication.

General Pastoral to the churches.

Pastoral Letter.

The Presbytery of Concord to the churches under its care, Send the greeting - Grace, Mercy and peace be multiplied to you

Dearly Beloved Brethren in the Lord:

In these days of peculiar exigency and trouble, we desire to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.

The enemy of all righteousness, in numerous and diverse forms is coming in like a flood. Such sudden and vital changes have occurred, unsettling the very foundations of society, that the doors of error, immorality and sin, of avarice and covetousness, of ambition and fraud, of lasciviousness and drunkenness, of infidelity and worldliness, are thrown wide open. And temptations to enter them, in the pursuit of subsistence

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honor, riches and pleasure, are numerous and powerful, often exceedingly insidious, and well-nigh irresistible.

Under these circumstances, it is seriously feared that many of our church-members, elder as well as younger, are losing their first love and spirituality of mind; that their difference between them and wicked men, as to their principles and manner of life, is significantly too indistinct; that the former are becoming alarmingly more conformed to the latter; and that thus the church is manifestly ceasing to be, either the light of the world, or the salt of the earth.

In view, therefore, of the existence and growing activity of such powerful and successful enemies in the midst of us, of such formidable dangers to the souls of men, and even to the church of God; we solemnly sound an alarm, and call upon you to be on your guard, and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Whether ministers of the gospel, ruling Elders, or Deacons, or private members of the Church; whether parents or children, or occupying civil or military offices professional avocations, or the private walks of life, it is all important that our daily walk and conversation be consistent with our profession, a palpable rebuke to sin, and recommendation of religion, that we be fearless and cute

General Pastoral Continued

spoken friends of Christ and his church, and that we stand square up to his cause and his claims.

We affectionately counsel you to accept with christian meekness and acquiescence, the change of circumstances which the providence of God has brought upon you. Do not magnify your impoverishment, or its attendant troubles. Do not complain of them nor murmer on account of them; but rather seek and strive to be more humble and contented, more devotional and heavenly minded. Regard them as intended to make you more holy, happy, and useful. Aim at these, and guard against the opposite results. ✓

The popular and strong current, at the present day, is to the indulgence of avarice and covetousness, and to practices which cherish lasciviousness, and lead to drunkenness. Watch and guard sercupulously against these. Be assured that a deep seated and absorbing greed after the things of the world; a perpetual reaching and struggling after them, even prudent and thoughtfulness and anxiety about them, whether it be in the form of riches, honor, dress or pleasure, as well as the effects of artificial stimulants, and all lasciviious thoughts and feelings, cherished and allowed, completly

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take possession of the soul, and like cankers, effectually eat out all spiritual, devotional, charitable, and benevolent emotions and affections. In regard to them, it is vitally important, that we perpetually deny ourselves, mortify, and crucify the flesh, with its affections and lusts, and continually watch and strive against them in their inciepiency, as well as the habits, which they form.

On the other hand, as indispensible to your spiritual life, and the end of your existence, constantly and industriously cultivate the principles habits and graces of the Spirit, which distinguish Christian character, and which both exemplify and recommend practical godliness, viz: repentance and faith, meekness and humility, benevolence and love, a spirit of forbearance and forgiveness, of Christian liberality and prayer, of habitual spirituality of mind, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Thus you will most successfully secure unto yourselves contentment and peace of mind, as well as the assurance of hope, triumph over the world, and an entrance into heaven, and to the church of God, purity, and great prosperity.

We dare not disguise, that we have been exceedingly mortified and grieved to learn that Ecclesiastical offences, in the form of demoralizing amusements, and several

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indulgences— such as dancing, and other lascivious plays, playing cards for amusement, and intemperance in the use of intoxicating drinks, are alarmingly more common and popular than in the days of our forefathers, even practiced and contended for by many of our young people, allowed by heads of families, and in some instances defended by office-bearers in the Church. We are more grieved to learn these things because the higher Judicatories and the Standards of our Church have distinctly warned our people against all such offences, and ordered the offenders to be disciplined; because in the present extremely depressed state of the country and of the church, such offences are most untimely and by no means to be expected, and because they are doubtless inconsistent with the spirit of Christ, and antagonistic to the spirit of the Gospel, the purity of the church, and the souls growth in grace. "It must needs be that offences will come, but woe, unto him through whom they come. It were better for him that a mill-stone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." Brethren, we beseech you, set your faces distinctly, your influence and authority, as well as your exam-

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ple, against these peculiarly infatuating, and exceedingly demoralizing amusements and indulgences.

And now, brethren, as watchmen on the walls of Zion, having sounded the alarm, and called to your attention numerous dangers, and powerful enemies, we desire to exhort and entreat you in the Lord:

As good citizens of the civil government, be subject, for conscience sake, to the powers that be. "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesars and to Christ, the things that are Christs." "Jesus Christ is Lord of Lords and King of Kings." Nevertheless, submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lords sake. Honor all men, Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King."

As officers under civil authority, remember that you are Stewards of God. Faithfully fulfil your obligations, moral as well as civil. Bear not the sword in vain. Be terrors to evil-doers, and a praise to them that do well— executing promptly the moral as well as the equitable code, that comes under your jurisdiction; never lording it over God's heritage, but ever defending and protecting the right, as those who must give account.

As office bearers in the Christian Church be ensamples to the flock over which Christ

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hath made you overseers. Assiduously watch and labor for its growth and purity, its advance in holiness and usefulness, its spirituality and efficiency. Administer government and discipline—reprove, rebuke, instruct and warn, without fear or partiality, in faithfulness and love, as those who must give account, lest the blood of souls be found in your skirts. See that your Pastors are competently provided for, and that the charitable and benevolents calls of the Church are punctually and liberally responded to.

On account of the embarrassed state of the country, your prompt activity and liberal examples are the more imperiously demanded in both these departments.

As private members of the Church, respect and venerate, confide in and love, your Pastors and their co-workers, encourage them in their work of love, cheerfully aid them in adequately sustaining the gospel at home, and in sending it abroad. Beware of withholding your tithes from the Lords treasury, under a mere pretext of a monetary stringency, when you make no such retrenchments upon your personal or selfish demands. Remember, you are members of the body of Christ. Love as brethren. Be of the same mind in the Lord. Aim to be lights in the world, the salt of

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the earth, ready for, and active in every good work.

As heads of families, and parents of children, remember the peculiarly solemn responsibilities resting upon you. It is your indispensible duty to think, judge, and decide for your children and youth, while minors, to instruct govern and discipline them, to guard and restrain them from evil, and shew, and encourage them to, the ways of holiness; to pray with and for them, and diligently to train them up for the church and for heaven. It is greatly to be feared that family religion, family training, and family government, as well as family prayers, are disastrously undervalued and neglected, and hence the low state of morality and religion, the growth of infidelity, and the alarming prevalence of dissipation and revelry. Brethren, we beseech you, scrupulously, and conscientiously perform all your duty, as heads of families, and parents of children. Be not governed by, but govern, your children. Let not false tenderness, nor the example of the wicked prevent you. Enforce a rigid observance of the Sabbath, and a punctual attendance upon family prayer, the catechisings, prayer meetings, and the ordinances of Gods house. Make home attractive to them, and as far as possible, prevent all ungodly com-

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panionships and associations- as well as all fascinating and demoralizing assemblages and amusements. Seek as the main thing, their early conversion to God, their growth in holiness, and closeness to God, as well as their activity in his service.

Finally, as younger members of the church, we charge you specially, be on your guard- as young and inexperienced, but surrounded by numerous and powerful enemies. The great adversary, with his hosts of emissaries is in conspiracy with the depravity of your nature, to deceive and destroy your souls. Resist him and he will flee from you. Let the word of God be your only true and infallible standard of faith and practice. Be often on your knees in secret prayer. Engage in no business or amusements which disincline you to communion with God, or for which the Spirit of prayer disqualifies you, or in regard to which you cannot ask his blessing or plead his promise. In all you do, be followers of Christ- your infallible pattern.

Beloved Brethren, our heartdesire and prayer to God for you is that you may be saved. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen,

(Signed) D. A. Penick Sen. Chrman,

Pastorals to be read

On motion the foregoing Pastoral Letter were ordered to be read in all our churches by Pastors and Stated Supplies.

Paper on State of churches. on docket.

The paper presented by the Rev. R. Z. Johnston, on the State of the churches, and referred to the committee on the Pastoral, was returned by said committee, and on motion was placed on the docket.

Report on case of Carson & Stewart

The committee to whom were referred the letter of the Rev. J. C. Carson, and the protest of the Rev. Messrs. J. C. Stewart and L. L. Stewart, made the the following report, which was received and unanimously adopted. viz.

The committee to whom were referred certain papers from the parties named below, would submit the following resolutions as embodying the action which they recommend to Presbytery, namely;

1 Whereas the Rev. John C. Carson has addressed to this Presbytery, whereof he is a member, a communication, wherein, in terms deliberately disrespectful and offensive, he disowns the authority, and renounces the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, which is contrary to the constitution of the church, and in violation of his ordination vows, and whereas he has pronounced the organization of our General Assembly a "Rebel measure," which has been distinctly and

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and repeatedly disavowed by the Presbytery. Therefore. Resolved that the said John C. Carson be cited to appear before this Presbytery at the next Stated fall meeting, to answer for the above offenses, and that in the meanwhile he be, and hereby is, suspended from the functions of the Ministry.

2 Whereas the Rev. John C. Stewart and the Rev. L. L. Stewart have addressed, jointly and severally, to this Presbytery, of which they are Members, a communication, wherein in terms most disrespectful and offensive, they denounce the action of the Presbytery in adhering to the General Assembly of our Church, as originating in angry, malicious and revengeful feelings, and employ in speaking of the Presbytery and its actions other terms of most unbecoming and insulting character; Therefore Resolved, That the aforesaid John C. Stewart, and L. L. Stewart be Cited to appear individually before the Presbytery at its next Stated Fall Sessions to answer for the above offenses, and that in the meanwhile they be, and hereby are, suspended from the functions of the Ministry.

3 Resolved that the Stated Clerk be instructed to issue citations in due form and time to the above named parties, summoning John C. Carson, John C. Stewart & L. L. Stewart.

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4 Resolved that although feeling constrained by a regard to the dignity, order and laws of our church to adopt the course above indicated, yet the Presbytery here declare that it is not their wish to retain on its roll any of its members who are dissatisfied with the connection, and that if the above named members had approached the body in a respectful manner, and asked for an order by severance of their relations, the Presbytery would have thrown no obstacles in the way of the separation

(Signed) J. L. Kirkpatrick, Chm.

On motion the Presbytery took a recess until one o'clock.

After Recess.

1 o'clock, P. M.

Leave of absence

The Presbytery met and proceeded to business. Leave of absence after this afternoons Session was granted to the Rev. Messrs. C. H. Rockwell, John Douglass, James D. Hall, J. H. W. Freeman, and to Elders A. A. McDowell, W. H. Cowan, J. N. Choate, & J. W. Reid.

S. C. Alexander & Pleasant Hill. Past. Rel. dissolved.

On motion, the Pastoral relation existing between the Rev. S. C. Alexander and the Church of Pleasant Hill, upon the application of both parties, and the allegation of sufficient reasons, was dissolved, and the Rev. John Douglass appointed to preach in said Church, and declare it vacant.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College, and for Concord Female College, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz. —

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College, and for Concord Female College, report the following names, viz.

Trustees of D. C. — For Davidson College.
The Rev. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. B. L. Beall, & R. Burwell
And the Hon. J. W. Osborne, W. B. McLean M.D. D. A. Caldwell and E. R. Harris
In the class of 1864, The Rev. A. W. Miller in the place of the Rev. B. S. Rhodes, decd.

Trustees of C. F. C. — For Concord Female College.
Class of 1866, The Rev. W. B. Watts, the Rev. J. D. Parks, and J. J. Ramsay, M.D.

(Signed) J. Rankin, J. D. Wilson } Com.

Installation of Miller — The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of the Rev. A. W. Miller over the Church of Charlotte, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Installation of the Rev. A. W. Miller as Pastor of the Church of Charlotte, report that they recommend that the Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. be appointed to preach the Sermon (the Rev. John Douglas his Alternate), and the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. to deliver the charge to the Pastor and people (Rev. Dan'l. A. Penick, Jun. be his alternate) - and that the Installation take place at 5 o'clock P. M. of the second Wednesday of June 1866.

(Signed). D. A. Penick Jr. Clm.

S. C.'s act. referred — The Statist Clerk presented his annual account to Presbytery, and on motion it was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Wm. Graves, and R. J. McDowell Esqr.

Report on Assembly's Minute — The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly of 1865 presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz. —

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly would report the following items as claiming the attention of the Presbytery.

1. On page 357 it will be seen that the name of our church was changed from that of "The Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States" to "The Presbyterian Church in the United States."

2. On page 375 it will be seen that the next General Assembly will convene in the city of Memphis, on the 3rd Thursday of November next.

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3. On page 359 are certain resolutions relating to efforts that may be made to sow the seeds of division and strife in our Congregations, &c. (See Resolutions 3rd & 4th. p. 358)

4. On page 364 are certain resolutions on the Subject of Education for the Ministry. (See Minutes 1865 p 364. Res. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5.)

5 On page 368 the following on Systematic Benevolence. (See p. 360. 4th & 6th paragraphs of said report.)

6. Domestic Missions, on page 369, numbers 3. & 4 of said report.

7. On page 361 & 2. the paper on Fashionable Amusements.

The Presbytery would urge upon our Ministers, Sessions and Churches an attention to the foregoing injunctions of the Assembly.

There are other subjects of interest set forth in the Minutes, but as they come before the Presbytery in another form, no further reference to them is here required.

(Signed) J. Le. Kirkpatrick) Chm.

Rep. on Fashionable Amusements to be read.

On motion, the Presbytery enjoined upon all Pastors Stated Supplies and Church Sessions to cause the answer to overture No. 9. on Fashionable Amusements, on pages 361 & 362, Minutes of 1865, to be publicly read to all our congregations, and that a number of copies of the N.C. Presbyterian, containing said document, be procured by the

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Stated Clerk, and sent to all our vacant churches, at the expense of the Presbytery.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz.

N.C. Presbyterian

1 Resolved that the Presbytery herein express their gratification at the re-establishment of the "North Carolina Presbyterian" and at the ability and energy displayed in its editorial conduct.

2. Resolved that the Presbytery renew its earnest request, made at the last Stated Meeting to our ministers and churches to use special efforts to secure for the paper a general circulation in all our congregations, and particularly efforts to place a copy in every family- such families as may not be able to pay the subscription to be supplied from a fund to be raised in the congregation for that purpose

The following report was presented, accepted and adopted, viz.

On Accts. of Treas. of Domestic Missions

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Rev. E. A. Rockwell, Treasurer of Domestic Missions, report the accounts to be all correct, having vouchers to cover the amounts received, leaving nothing in his hands at this time.

(Signed) Ch.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod reported that the minutes had not come

into their hands, and were discharged.

Com. on letter of Hood

The committee appointed to consider the letter of the Rev. Jacob Hood, submitted the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of the Rev. Jacob Hood, a member of the Presbytery of Huron, invited and synod, on the subject of his connecting himself with the Presbytery of Concord under the terms of the Convention between the General Assembly, and the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church, have considered the same with the facts connected therewith. They recommend that the name of the Rev. Jacob Hood be entered on our roll as a member of this Presbytery, on the express condition, that upon the first opportunity presented, he, the said Jacob Hood, express in open Presbytery, his candid adoption, ex animo, of, and firm adherence to, the Confession of Faith, of the Presbyterian Church.

(Signed) Robt Hett Chapman
Chairman.

The above report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee appointed to ascertain the facts in relation to members of this Presbytery receiving support from foreign bodies offered a report, which

Com. on Members receiving Foreign Commissions &c.

was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee appointed to enquire as to the rumors that some of the members of this Presbytery have received commissions from, and are in the employ of, Ecclesiastical bodies foreign to us report; that they have had interviews with two members of this body, and have found the rumors true. One member is in commission from the Board of Domestic Missions at Philadelphia, at a salary of $600. or without pledge of affiliation. The other member of this Presbytery confessed himself in commission of the Freedmens Board, at Pittsburg, Pa. Salary not mentioned. The committee report the facts and submit the case to the wisdom of the body.

(Signed) Robt Hett Chapman
Chairman

Leave of absence, after this afternoons Sessions was granted to the Dr. Kirkpatrick.

Dec. &c. postponed

On motion the Devotional exercises were suspended until To-morrow 11 o'clock, to take the place of the sermon.

Com. on Statistical accts.

The Committee on the Accounts of the Stated Clerk presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee appointed to audit the account of the Stated Clerk, find he has

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done the work of three years, and recommend that he be paid the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars for his services, which with the Stationary and Postage will make $151.05.

May 4th 1866. (Signed) R. I. McDowell, William Graves } Com.

The following report was presented, and on motion, accepted and adopted, viz.

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Rep. of Com. on Treas. of Ed. & Ch. Ex.

The Committee appointed to audit the reports of Treasurer of the Committees of Education and Church Extension, would state that they have discharged the duty assigned them, and find in the hands of the Treas! of Education $1777.15, and for Church Extension $1035.60; all in Confederate States Bonds, and Treasury notes - worthless money - and would recommend the Treas! to close these, and open new accounts.

(Signed) G. D. Parks, Chm

Murkland & Alexander Com. on case

A paper, in relation to the Rev. Messrs. S. S. Murkland and S. C. Alexander, was read before the Presbytery, and on motion, received, and its consideration appointed as the first order of the day for to-morrow.

Leave of absence, after this afternoons Grog & both Sessions, was granted to Ruling Elders H. ey, leave N. Grog, & W. S. Caithey.

On Motion the Presbytery adjourned, until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Graves & Allison - leave.

Leave of absence was granted to the Rev. Mr. Graves, and Mr. T. A. Allison, for the remaining Sessions.

Com. on case of Murkland & Alexander

The paper appointed for the first order of the day, was taken up, and committed to a special committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs D. A. Penick Sen. Jesse Rankin, and W. S. Harris Esqr.

Com. on Treas. of Pres.

Messrs. A. T. Summey and Lo. P. Irwine, were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery.

Reports on Sessional Records

The several Committees on Sessional Records made reports approving the following books, Viz, Mountain Creek, Taylorsville, Lilburn, Marion, Salem, Drusilla, Rocky River, Steel Creek, Joshua, Franklin, Philadelphia, Centre, Poplar Tent, Sugar Creek, Third Creek, Unity (Rowan), Charlotte, Salisbury, Concord, Shiloh, Back Creek, Long Creek, Providence, Castanea Grove. Also approving with some exceptions, the Books of Fifth Creek, Olney, Swannanoa, Lenoir, and Newton. The Reports were adopted, and the exceptions entered upon the respective books.

White, leave of abs.

Ruling Elder David White obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions.

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Abernathy Cor. Mem.

The Rev. S. W. Abernathy, of the South Carolina Conference of the M.E. Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A recess of five minutes, was taken.

After Recess.

Devotional Exercises

The Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz. Devotional Exercises, in the order prescribed in the report of the Committee.

Fowles Cor. Mem.

The Rev. D. J. Fowles, of the Bethel Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

The Presbytery then took a recess until one o'clock P. M.

One o'clock P. M.

Brackett McNair & leave

The Presbytery met. Leave of absence from the remaining Sessions was granted to the Rev. G. R. Brackett, Messrs. James McC. Nair, William Arrowood, and John D. Johnston.

The Committee on Supplies presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz.

Report on Supplies.

The Committee on supplies report, recommending the following, viz.

That the Rev. J. Rankin spend two Sabbaths in Watauga
" Rev. D. J. Fowles Jun. " " Two " in Anson & Union
" Rev. R. Burwell " One " in Concord Town.
" Rev. J. D. Hall " Two " at Dallas.
" Rev. Wm. Morrison 1 at Winnsboro & 1 at Beulah.
" Rev. E. H. Rockwell " 3 " in Macon & Cherokee.
" Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. " 1 " in Concord Town.

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" Rev. S. C. Millen D.D. " Two Sabbaths at Salem.
" Rev. N. Shotwell " 2 at Sandy Plains.
" Rev. J. H. W. Freeman " one month in Macon & Cherokee
" Rev. Wm. W. Hare 2 in Burke County.
" Rev. H. B. Platt " 2 weeks in Buncombe & Henderson.
" Rev. R. N. Davis 2 at Shelby & administer the ordinances
" Rev. B. L. Beall 1 Sabbath at Dallas.
" Rev. J. Rumple 1 at East Rowan & 1 at East Bend.
" Rev. D. J. Fowles Jun. 2 " in Stanly.
" Rev. R. Z. Johnston " 1 " in Monroe.
" Rev. Wm. Kilpatrick " 2 " at East Bend.
" Rev. T. E. Davis " 2 " in Rutherford Co.
" Rev. Wm. McDonald " 1 " in Union Co.
" Rev. G. R. Brackett " 1 " at Tabor & administer Sac.
" Rev. J. W. Miller " 2 " in Buncombe & Henderson.
" Rev. John Douglass " 1 " in Union Co.
" G. E. Boughton " 1 " in Tabor & administer the ordinances
" Watts W. Hare " 1 " in Bethany & administer the ordinances.
" Rev. J. J. Kennedy " 1 " in Dallas.
" Rev. J. H. Caldwell " 1 " at Bethany & 1 at Tabor.
" Rev. J. C. Kennedy " 1 " " " " " "
" Rev. R. B. Anderson " 1 month in Lincoln & Gaston.
" Rev. J. S. Barr " 1 " at Dallas & 1 at Shelbyville.
" Rev. J. D. Parks " 2 weeks in Henderson Co.
" Rev. Walter W. Hare " 1 Sab. at East Bend.
" Rev. S. C. Hare D.D. 1 " in Concord Town & 1 in Alexander Co.

Brethren not named are directed to spend a week in Missionary labors at discretion.

(Signed) Walter W. Hare
J. S. Barr
H. A. Gray
} Com.

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The Committee appointed to devise and equalize the assessments on the Churches, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted. Viz.

The Committee on the Assessment of the Churches for Commissioners' fund & other purposes, recommend, the following as the assessment, viz.

Assessments for Com. fund

Asheville	$10.00	Franklin (Macon)	$2.00
Back Creek	12.00	Franklin (Rowan)	4.00
Bethany	10.00	Goshen	4.00
Bethel	10.00	Hendersonville	5.00
Bethesda	7.00	Hiwassee	3.00
Bethlehem	3.00	Hopewell	20.00
Bethpage	10.00	Jefferson	2.00
Beulah	1.00	Joshua	4.00
Castanea Grove	10.00	Lebanon	3.00
Centre	15.00	Lenoir	5.00
Charlotte	50.00	Lincolnton	10.00
College	5.00	Long Creek	6.00
Concord	10.00	Little Brittain	8.00
Concord Town	20.00	Machpelah	4.00
Dallas	3.00	Marion	4.00
Davidsons River	5.00	Mallard Creek	12.00
Drusilla	1.00	Mills River	4.00
Duncans Creek	3.00	Morganton	10.00
Ebenezer	3.00	Mt. Hope	7.00
Fifth Creek	10.00	Newton	4.00
Flat Creek	1.00	Olney	10.00
Fourth Creek	20.00	Caldwell	10.00

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Philadelphia	$12.00	Shiloh	$3.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00	Steel Creek	30.00
Poplar Tent	20.00	Sugar Creek	15.00
Prospect	15.00	Swannanoa	4.00
Providence	15.00	Tabor	4.00
Ramah	8.00	Taylorsville	5.00
Rocky River	30.00	Third Creek	20.00
Rutherfordton	5.00	Thyatira	15.00
Salem	1.00	Trinity (Lincoln)	10.00
Salisbury	20.00	Trinity (Rowan)	8.00
Sandy Plains	1.00	Wadesboro	3.00
Sharon	12.00	Wilkesboro	2.00
Shelby	1.00	Total	$621.00
Silo (Signed)	4.00		

R. N. Davis
Walter W. Shaw
J. Rumple
D. A. Davis
E. Nye Hutchison
} Com.

Dr. Hutchison reported that the committee appointed had objected the question of salary between the Rev. J. C. Alexander & Steel Creek Church. The report of the committee was accepted & adopted & the committee discharged.

Steel Creek case postponed

The Committee on the papers from the Steel Creek Church, presented a report, which was accepted, and on motion the consideration of the subject was postponed until the 2nd day of the next Fall Sessions of the Presbytery.

Answer to Bethel Presbytery

The Committee to whom was referred the letter from the Presbytery of Bethel, presented their report, which was amended & adopted, & the Clerk directed to furnish a copy to the Presbytery of Bethel.

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Bethel Pres. Answer to.

The following is the report.

The Committee appointed to return answer to a communication from Bethel Presbytery in reference to the future Presbyterial relations of Union and Hephzibah churches, lying within our bounds, but under care of Bethel Presbytery, submit the following report.

While we deem it irregular, and as opening the way for confusion among our churches, that other churches within our bounds should be under the jurisdiction of another Presbytery, yet, inasmuch as the Churches referred to desire to continue "for the present only" in connection with Bethel Presbytery, we acquiesce in their decision. But we would fain hope that the day may not be far distant, when said churches and their pastor may consistently with the welfare of Zion, and their own views and feelings, see the way open to transfer their presbyterial relation to our body.

(Signed) Com. { Walter W. Thurr, B. L. Beall, R. N. Davis

The following report on Domestic Mission was presented, accepted and adopted.

Dom. Miss. Report.

Report of Domestic Missionary Committee for the Year ending May 1st 1866.

The Committee are unable to report any operations in this great work. Owing to the want of funds no commissions were given to our missionaries; and the fields heretofore occupied by them, have been waste places. The sound of the gospel has not been heard- her solemn ordinances have not been administered. There was none to call sinners to repentance, or to reclaim the wanderers from the fold of Christ.

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Dom. Miss. Report on.

The year on which we are just entering opens with brighter prospects. Some four hundred dollars have been received by our Treasurer from the churches. The Committee felt warranted to extend aid to three brethren.

Dr. Chapman has been laboring faithfully in the County of Henderson, with encouraging success. One of the churches has been visited with the refreshing influences of the Holy Spirit. Though this is not strictly Missionary ground, yet owing to the present condition of things in one of these Churches, it is necessary to extend aid to Dr. Chapman to the amount of $100.00.

A Commission has been given to the Rev. Wm. Graves for four months, beginning June the 1st- Salary $200.00, to labor in Haywood & Jackson.

The Rev. J. E. Morrison was commissioned to labor in Anson County this year- salary $200.00.

In view of the demands for Missionary

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D. M. Report concluded.

work, and of the sad consequences that must follow, if this work is not performed, the Committee would urge upon all our Churches to contribute liberally to the cause of Domestic Missions.

(Signed) G. D. Parks, Secretary.

Alexander & Muckland

The Special Committee to whom was referred the papers concerning the Rev. Messrs Muckland and Alexander, submitted their report, which was accepted. Pending the discussion of said report, the Presbytery took a recess of five minutes, to meet in the Session House.

After Recess.

Treas. of Pres. Report.

The Presbytery met. The Treasurer of Presbytery made his report which was accepted and approved. The report follows.

The Treasurer of the Presbytery presents the following as his report for 1865

Received from Providence Church $71.50, Sharon 25.00, Mallard Creek 12.00 New Hope 7.00 Philadelphia 12.00, Dallas 3.00, Rocky River 30.00 Premium on Specie 1.43. Salisbury 30.00 Morganton 10.00. Charlotte 40.00, Olney 5.00 Sugar Creek 12.00, Lenoir 4.00. Whitby (Lincoln) 15.00, Asheville 10.00, Bethel 3.75. Eastatoe Grove 5.00, Fifth Creek 6.00, Providence (balance) 4.50, Bethpage (Paid Dr. Kirkpatrick) 5.85, Shiloh 3.00, Sharon (Balance) 7.00.

Total receipts $240.33.

Disbursements. Paid Dr. J. L. Kirkpatrick $58.35.

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to Gen. D. H. Hill 53.45. Rev. C. L. Beall 83.45, Gen'l Assembly 25.00, Rev. J. Rumple 20.38, Total disbursements 240.33

The following Churches are delinquent for 1865. viz.

Back Creek, Bethany, Bethesda, Bethlehem, Bethpage, in part, Beulah, Centre, Concord Town, Drusilla, Duncans Creek, Ebenezer, Fourth Creek, Franklin (Macon), Franklin (Rowan), Goshen, Hiwassee, Hopewell, Joshua, Lebanon, Lincolnton, Long Creek, Little Britain, Machpelah, Marion, Newton, Paw creek, Pleasant Hill, Poplar Tent, Prospect Ramah, Rheims Creek, Rutherfordton, Salem, Sandy Plains, Shelby, Siloam, Steel Creek, Swannanoa, Tabor, Taylorsville, Third Creek, Thyatira, Unity (Rowan), Wadesboro, Wilkesboro, Wall Creek, Jefferson.

Respectfully Submitted.

R. N. Davis

May 5th 1866

Treas Concord Pres.

Aud. Com. report.

The auditing committee on the Treasurers accounts made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery report that they have discharged that duty, and find the Treasurer has received up to this time $240.33 for, which he has vouchers in proper form.

Treas. &c. Audited.

The Committee find there is still due the Commissioners to the Genl. Assembly $47.00
Balance due Stated Clerk 130.77
Due the Synod 60.00
Total $237.77.

All of which is respectfully submitted
5th May 1866 (Signed) T. J. Simmons, } Com.
L. T. Irvine, }

The Report of the Committee on the papers in relation to Messrs. Markland and Alexander, was then considered, and on motion amended, and adopted. It is as follows;

Final Action on Case of Markland & Alexander.

Whereas Rev. S. S. Markland, and Rev. S. C. Alexander have stated to this Presbytery, whereof they are members, that they hold commissions from the Presbyterian Church, North, to labour within the bounds of this Presbytery, therefore,

Resolved 1st. That the Presbytery pronounce such a course to be irregular, and recommend to these brethren to terminate their connection, either with the Northern Church, or with our own.

Resolved 2nd. That these brethren be allowed, whilst they suspend any permanent operations or change of connection, to consider the matter as to a change in their course, till the next meeting of Presbytery, when they propose to state definitely

their future course of action.
(Signed) D. A. Penick, Sen. Chr.

B. S. Rhieder Minute on his death.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Minute in relation to the death of the Rev. B. S. Rhieder, presented the following report, which was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, viz.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute respecting the removal by death of the Revd. B. S. Rhieder from the labors of Earth to the rest and rewards of Heaven, would submit the following;

The way of the Lord is in the Sea, and his path in the deep waters. Dark and mysterious often are the dealings of Divine Providence. The removal of this Beloved Brother from the scenes of labor and usefulness in the church on earth is of this character. He was called away in the strength of his manhood, and amid scenes of revival to the refreshments and enjoyments of Heaven.

The Presbytery bear an unfaltering testimony to the zeal and faithfulness of our Beloved Brother in the discharge of the duties of the Sacred office, and adore the grace that made him so useful and lovely in life, and which sustained him under the gathering shadows of death.

He departed this life, in October last, in the 38th year of his age, conscious, calm, serene

and abundantly sustained by the Grace of God.

The Presbytery desire to record their deep sympathy with the family of the Deceased, and affectionately commend them to the care of our Covenant God and Father. May he sustain them by his grace, defend them in his providence, and save them all in his Kingdom.

Resolved that a copy of this minute be sent to the widow of our departed brother by the Stated Clerk, and the usual committee be appointed to gather the facts, and prepare a biographical Sketch.

Rob Hett Chapman
Chairman.

The Rev. Messrs J. Rumple, G. D. Parks, and D. A. Davis, Esq., were appointed on the committee provided for in the above resolution.

Leave of absence was granted to the Rev. Messrs. J. C. Alexander, Walter W. Thorn, Wm. M'Donald, J. C. Eagleton, and Mr. A. G. Neal, from the remaining sessions of the Presbytery.

The committee appointed to prepare a Biographical Sketch of the Rev. W. S. Moore reported that they had not yet performed the duty, and on motion, were continued.

The Reciprocal Reports were, on motion, postponed till the Fall Sessions.

The committee appointed to declare the Church of Steel Creek vacant, reported

that the duty was performed.

The Rev. R. B. Anderson, asked permission to return the call, which he held from the Church of Concord Town. Having alleged satisfactory reasons, the desired permission was granted, and the Call returned.

The Rev. H. H. Banks obtained leave to retain the call from the Church of Asheville for further consideration, until the next meeting of the Presbytery.

The committee appointed to install the Rev. G. A. Brackett over the Church of Unity reported that they had failed to perform the duty, in consequence of the burial of the Rev. M. Rhyne, a member of the committee, occurring on the day appointed for the installation. The Committee was continued, and the Rev. W. C. Watt appointed in the place of Rev. D. S. Rhyne deceased, and directed to perform the duty at discretion.

On motion the joint request of the Rev. H. B. Pratt and the Session of Sugar Creek Church, that the Pastoral relation between them be consummated, and that the Church be allowed to retain his services as Stated supply for the present, was granted.

The consideration of the Circular from the Committee of Publication was deferred till the next regular Meeting of Presbytery.

The consideration of the Paper on the

Providence Church, Saturday, May 5th 1866.

State of the Church, and of the report of the Committee thereon, was deferred until the next regular Sessions of the Presbytery.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.

Resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery be, and are hereby, tendered to the congregation of Providence, and other families, for their kind hospitality in entertaining its members; and also to the several Rail Roads which have extended to delegates the courtesy of reduced fare; and that the Pastor of this Church make known to the congregation at his discretion, this action of the Presbytery, so far as it relates to them.

The minutes of to-day were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Church of Morganton, on Wednesday the 3rd day of October 1866 at 7 O'clock, P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction

R. D. Anderson, Mod.

R. N. Davis
A. D. Summey } Temporary Clk.

J. Rumple,
Stated Clerk.

Appendix to Minutes of May 3rd-5th 1866

The following Ministers were absent from the Sessions of the Presbytery at Providence Church, without tendering reasons therefor, viz. Revs. Messrs. R. H. Morrison D. D. Dan'l Lindsay Wm. J. Morrison, J. N. Paxton, J. C. Carson, A. Sinclair, L. L. Stewart, G. C. Stewart.

The following Churches, and Pastorates were not represented, viz.

Mackpelah, Shelby, Lenoir, Newton, Hiwassee, Duncans Creek, Lebanon, Goshen, Swannanoa, Hendersonville, Mills River, Davidsons River, College, Sandy Plains, Tabor, Franklin (Macon), Ebenezer, Marion, Siloam, Dunsilla, Jaglersville, Salem, Ramah, Bethel, Lincolnton, Morgantown, Thyatira, Rheims Creek, Centre & Bethpage, Flat Creek, Wilkesborough, Jefferson, Dallas, ~~Concord~~, Shiloh, Franklin Rowan Concord Town, ~~Fifth Creek~~, Bethesda, Beulah & Wadesborough.

J. Rumple, Stated Clerk.

The Com. to whom were referred the minutes of Concord Presbytery report, that they have discharged their duty and recommend that they be approved as far as written, Report adopted.

Charlotte N. C.
Oct 18th 1866

Robt Hett Chapman Mod.
of Synod of S. Carolina

Morganton Church Wednesday Oct. 3rd 1866

Wednesday 7 P. M. Oct. 3rd 1866

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. Robt. B. Anderson, from Exodus 20: 8.— Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Sermon text

After Sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Present—

Roll.

Ministers	Ruling Elders	of Churches.
Jesse Rankin	Gas Harper	Lenoir
D. A. Penick sen.	R. H. Morrison	Rocky River
W. N. Morrison	J. J. Purcell	Dutchmans Creek
Nathan Shotwell	G. C. Alexander	Swannanoa
R. H. Chapman D.D.	J. H. McDowell	Steel Creek
Wm. Graves	A. R. Erwin	Pleasant Hill
S. S. Markland	Harvey Horney	Little Britain.
E. N. Paxton	J. B. Rankin	Marion
Walter W. Pharr	J. M. Greenlee	Siloam
S. C. Millen D.D.	T. A. Allison	Fourth Creek
E. E. Davis	J. R. Davidson	Hopewell
R. N. Davis	David Parks	Charlotte
A. W. Miller	W. R. McLean	New Hope
B. L. Beall	E. J. Erwin	Morganton
W. C. Sheetz	E. C. Wallis	Sugar Creek
J. S. Barr	V. H. Hall	Thyatira
G. D. Parks	Wm. Murdock	Salisbury
J. Rumple	E. R. Harris	Poplar Tent
D. A. Penick jun.	D. Creswell	Prospect.

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Roll concluded

Ministers	Ruling Elders	of Churches.
William W. Pharr	Chas. F. Alexander	Sharon
J. D. Wilson	F. C. Barringer	Concord Town
W. B. Watts	S. W. Morrison	Fifth Creek
R. J. Johnston	D. A. Summey	Asheville
Geo. E. Eagleton	Ebenezer McKay	Bethesda
Wm. M. Kilpatrick	W. R. Holland	Olney
R. B. Anderson	Abner Morrison	Concord
Henry H. Banks.		

The roll being formed, the Rev. Jacob Hoyd, a member of the Presbytery of Union, late United Synod of the South, being present, and having signified his adoption, ex animo, of the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, his name was entered upon the roll of this Presbytery, in accordance with the previous resolution of this body.

Jacob Hoyd enrolled

The Rev. R. N. Davis was elected Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. B. L. Beall, and W. B. Watts, temporary Clerks.

Officers elected

On motion, it was agreed to spend the first half hour of each morning's Sessions in Devotional Exercises.

Devotional Exercises

The Standing Rules were read

The following addition was made to the Standing Rules, viz.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Presbytery, the faithful and professional visitation of families, and the personal catechising of children and youth are among the most im-

S. Rules read

New S. Rule

Morganton, Wednesday, October 3rd 1866

important duties of Ministers and Elders, and therefore that the Pastors and Station Supplies be called upon at each Stall Session of Presbytery to state whether these duties have been faithfully performed.

Com. on distribution for Com. of Examination

A committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs Jesse Rankin, R. Z. Johnston, and R. E. Thos. Murdock, was appointed to divide the Presbytery into Committees for the examination of Candidates for the Ministry.

Presbytery then adjourned until Thursday Morning, 8½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday Morning 8½ o'clock,
October 4th 1866.

Presbytery met pursuant to its adjournment, and spent a half hour in devotional exercises.

The roll was called, and the minutes of Wednesday evening were read and approved.

R. E. Sharn

Ruling Elder J. J. Sharn from the Church of Hendersonville, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Ev. Members

The Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell of the Presbytery of Cherokee, the Rev. W. A. Mood, of the Presbytery of Orange, and the Rev. James McQueen of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding members.

Minutes read

The minutes of the last Stated meeting were read. Ministers appointed to supply vacant and missionary fields, were called upon to answer whether the duty was performed.

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The Rev. Messrs Jesse Rankin, D. A. Penick Sen. S. C. Millen D.D. B. L. Beall, J. Rumple, V. E. Davis, John Douglass (through Rev. R. Z. Johnston) & G. D. Parks, rendered satisfactory excuses for failure to comply with the ordering of Presbytery.

The excuse of the Rev. W. N. Mowerson was not sustained.

The Rev. D. A. Penick Jun. was excused for not having fulfilled his appointment in the County of Stanley, but he was directed to fulfill it in the future.

Absentees excused

Absentees from the last Stated meeting of the Presbytery presented their excuses which were sustained.

Churches not represented

Churches not represented at the last stated meeting were called upon to state whether any Elders had been appointed to represent them in Presbytery.

Dr. Morrison perpetually excused.

The Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. in consequence of the infirmities of age, was, on motion excused for the future, from rendering reasons for absence from the Sessions of the Presbytery.

J. M. M. Caldwell received.

A letter dismissing the Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell from the Presbytery of Cherokee to the Presbytery of Concord was read; and after the usual examinations, he was, on motion received, and his name enrolled.

Foreign Missions

The Agent of Foreign Missions, the Rev. S. C. Pharr D.D. being absent the report was passed over, and the Rev. D. A. Penick, Jun, was appointed Treas. pro tem. for Foreign Missions.

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Paper on Monthly Concert

The following paper was adopted, viz.
In order to give uniformity to the contributions of the churches under our care – in order to kindle and spread among our people a missionary spirit – –
Resolved, That it be enjoined upon all our churches to observe the monthly concert of prayer on the first Sabbath of each month for the outpouring of the Spirit upon a world lying in wickedness and that collections be taken up on that day, in order that the prayers and alms of our people may go up as a memorial before God.

Standing Committees

The moderator announced the following Committees; viz.
On Bills and Overtures – Rev R. B. Anderson, Rev. T. A. Preston, and R. H. Morrison, R. E.
Judicial Committee.
Rev. R. H. Chapman D.D. Rev. D. A. Penick Sen. & Col. T. A. Allison R. E.
On the Narrative to the Synod. Rev. A. Shotwell, Rev. Walter W. Pharr, & J. B. Rankin R. E.
On the Narrative to the General Assembly.
Rev. A. W. Miller, Rev. D. A. Penick, jun. and Wm. Murdock, R. E.
On the Minutes of the Synod.
Rev. R. L. Beall, Rev. R. Z. Johnston, and E. R. Harris, R. E.
On Devotional Exercises. Rev. W. C. Shultz.

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Rev. J. C. Miller D.D. & E. J. Erwin R. E.
On Statistics. Rev. J. E. Davis, W. A. Morrison, & Dr. D. H. Summey R. E.
On Systematic Benevolence
Rev. J. Rankin, Rev. G. E. Eagleton and James Harper R. E.

Letters on Absence

Letters assigning satisfactory reasons for absence were read from the Rev. Messrs A. Stronach, H. B. Balt, E. H. Rockwell, J. C. Kirkpatrick, D.D. and J. C. Pharr D.D.

Trans. D. M.

The Rev. Wm. W. Pharr was appointed Trans. protem. of Domestic Missions, in the place of Rev. E. H. Rockwell, absent.

Dr. Kirkpatrick dismissed

A letter of Dismission, at his own request, was granted to the Rev. J. C. Kirkpatrick D.D. to connect himself with the Presbytery of Lexington, Va.

Wm. Parks, Ruling Elder from the Ramah Church, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Dr. Pharr's letter referred

A letter from the Rev. J. C. Pharr, D.D. was referred to a special Committee, consisting of the Rev. A. W. Miller, Rev. H. H. Banks, & Victor C. Barringer, R. E.

M. Cook dismissed

A letter of Dismission, at his own request was granted to the Rev. Geo. J. Cooke, to connect himself with the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Recess.

On motion the Presbytery took a recess to meet at 3 o'clock P. M.

After Recess. 3 o'clock P.M.

The Presbytery met. The Rev. Mr. Bowman of the Episcopal Methodist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Order on Reports

It was made the order of the day to hear mutual reports of Ministers and Sessions, & Statistical reports, immediately after divine worship to-night.

S.S. Muckland dismissed.

A letter was read from the Rev. S.S. Muckland, assigning reasons for withdrawing from this Presbytery, This was followed by a request for a letter of dismission to the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia. This request was granted.

Calls for John Douglass

Calls for the Pastoral Services of the Rev John Douglass were read— one from Pleasant Hill for one third of his time, promising the sum of two hundred dollars in gold, or its equivalent in currency— the other from Steel Creek for two thirds of his time, promising five hundred dollars in gold or its equivalent in currency. These calls were ordered to be placed in his hands.

Salem Church, Buncombe

A paper from the members of Salem Church Buncombe County, of the late United Synod, asking to be received under the care of Concord Presbytery, and requesting that the church be dissolved and its members transferred to the Church of Asheville, was read. The church was received, enrolled and dissolved, and the members directed to unite

with the church of Asheville

Drusilla. Committee appointed

A paper relative to the condition of Drusilla Church was read, and on motion placed in the hands of a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs S.C. Millen D.D. R.Z. Johnston and Ruling Elder J.B. Rankin, for consideration.

Leave of absence was granted to R. Elders J.J. Purcell and Harvey Horney until to-morrow morning.

The Committee appointed to divide the members of the Presbytery into Committees for the Examination of Candidates made the following report, which was accepted & adopted, viz.

Coms. for examination of Candidates

The Committee appointed to distribute the Ministers into classes for the examination of Candidates, beg leave to report the following, classes for examination.

I On the Hebrew Language.

Rev. Messrs R. Burwell, S.C. Pharr D.D. J. Rumple, & Sinclair & J.D. Wilson.

II Greek and Latin.

Rev. Messrs. E.H. Rockwell, A.W. Miller, R.Z. Johnston, J.C. Morrison, J.D. Hall. Wm. Graves & H.H. Banks.

III On the Sciences

Rev. Messrs. V. Sholtwell, J.D. Parks, W.B. Watts, J.S. Barr, J.H.W. Freeman, J.M.M. Caldwell & William McDonald.

IV On Theology.

Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick sen. W.S. Pharr

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Comm.s on Examination

D. Morris, R. H. Chapman, D.D. B. L. Beall
R. B. Anderson, S. C. Millen, D.D. H. B. Pratt.
V Ecclesiastical History.
Rev. Messrs. Walter W. Hays, R. H. Morrison D.D. R. N. Davis, W. C. Sheetz, Wm. W. Phares Jacob Hoyd
VI Church Government.
Rev. Messrs J. Rankin, T. V. Paxton, Wm. N. Morrison, D. A. Penick Jun, John Douglass, Thos C. Davis, G. C. Eagleton, Wm. M. Kilpatrick

A. R. Res. Reply.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the 1st Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South was received, declining to act in the matter, referred to them by this Presbytery, from the Church of Pleasant Hill. No further action by this Presbytery was deemed necessary.

Report on Dev. Exercises

The following report on Devotional exercises was adopted.
1 Exercises to take place on Friday 4 o'clock P.M.
2 Salmody by Rev. W. N. Morrison
3 Reading the Scriptures, Rev. G. D. Parks,
4 Prayer, Rev. W. B. Watts.
5 Address, Rev. T. V. Paxton
6 Salmody, Rev. D. A. Penick Jun.
7 Prayer, Rev. Wm. Graves
8 Benediction by the Moderator.

(Signed)
W. C. Sheetz, Chm—

Morganton, Thursday. October 4th 1866.

Bethel Haywood

The Session of the Church of Bethel, in Haywood, of the late United Synod, requested to be taken under the care of this Presbytery. This request was granted, and the church of Bethel, Haywood Co. placed on the roll.

On motion, the Presbytery took a recess until after divine service to-night.

After Recess.

Recip. Report

The Presbytery proceeded to hear the reciprocal reports of Ministers and Sessions, and the Statistical reports from the Churches.

On motion the hearing of these reports was arrested, and the Presbytery adjourned until Friday morning 8½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Morning, 8½ o'clock.
October 5th 1866.

The Presbytery met and spent a half hour in devotional exercises. The roll was called and the minutes of the preceding day were read and corrected.

Absence

Leave of absence, after this morning's sessions, was granted to Messrs D. A. Allison, Abner Morrison, N. H. Hall & A. R. Erwin, Ruling Elders.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz. the hearing of reciprocal reports, was resumed.

Absence

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Presbytery was granted to the Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell.

On motion the order of the day was deferred.

The Presbytery took a recess of five minutes to meet in the Methodist Church.
After recess. ✓

Report on Publication.

The Treasurer of Publication presented the following report, which was accepted,

Morganton, Oct. 4th 1866

Your Treasurer begs leave to report the reception of the following sums from the different churches during the last ecclesiastical year,

from Unity Church (Lincoln)	$14.00
" Salisbury "	29.50
" Bethpage "	2.50
" Centre "	3.50
" Castanea Grove "	8.00
" Rocky River "	13.00
" Providence "	3.45
" Sharon "	5.55
" Siloam "	2.00
" Lewis "	20.00
" Rev. J. N. Paxton	3.00
Only ten churches have contributed.	$104.65

(Signed) G. D. Parks Agt.

Third Creek & G. R. Brackett.

The Church of Third Creek, having applied for a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between it and the Rev. G. R. Brackett, in the absence of the latter, the whole subject was postponed until an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery to be held in Charlotte during the Sessions of Synod.

G. R. Brackett.

It having been represented to the Presbytery that the Rev. G. R. Brackett had retired from his Charge of Third Creek, it was resolved, That he be required, by letter from this body, to make known to the Presbytery, as soon as practicable, his reasons for so doing, without first seeking a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and said Church.

The hearing of reciprocal and statistical reports was resumed, and concluded.

Olney committee to visit.

On motion, a committee, consisting of the Rev. B. L. Beall, the Rev. R. Z. Johnston, and Mr. Arrowood, was appointed to visit the Olney Church, to instruct them as to our Church polity, and kindly recommend them to constitute the pastoral relation, as soon as the way shall be open.

Commissioners elected.

The Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the next General Assembly. The Rev. A. W. Miller and the Rev. R. B. Anderson were elected principal Commissioners, and the Rev. J. D. Wilson alternate to the Rev. A. W. Miller, and the Rev. Wm. W. Pharr alternate to the Rev. R. B. Anderson.

Ruling Elders E. W. Faucette, with Dr. Adams alternate, and David Parks with A. J. Summey alternate were chosen Commissioners from the Eldership.

The Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

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3 o'clock P. M. after recess.

Absence

Leave of absence was granted to Ruling Elder, G. C. Alexander from the remaining sessions of the Presbytery.

Complt from Steel Crk

The complaint from Steele Creek Church with the accompanying report of the committee thereon, which was laid over from the last stated meeting, were read. Pending the discussion thereon arising, according to previous appointment, the Presbytery engaged in devotional exercises, after which the consideration of the report was resumed.

A recess was then taken, to meet in the Methodist Church, at ½ o'clock, P. M.

Methodist Church ½ P. M.

Compl't from Steel Cr. indef. postponed.

After recess the Presbytery resumed the consideration of the report touching the complaint from the Steele Creek Church. On motion the whole matter was indefinitely postponed.

Next meeting of Presbytery

The next Stated meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be holden at Rocky River Church on Wednesday before the Fourth Sabbath in April 1867, 11 o'clock A. M.

Install. of J. W. Miller

The committee appointed to install the Rev. J. W. Miller over the Church of Charlotte, reported that they had performed the duty at the time designated, viz, the 2nd Wednesday in June 1866, at 7 o'clock P. M.

J. C. Stewart

The consideration of the case of the Rev. J. C. Stewart was appointed for to-morrow mor-

Morganton, Friday, October the 5th 1866.

Morning, 9 o'clock.

M. Tuttle Candidate.

Mr. Romulus Morrison Tuttle, a member of the Church of Lenoir, was introduced to Presbytery by the Rev. Jesse Rankin, with the view of being taken under its care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. Having been examined on experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the Ministry, he was received as a Candidate.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning 8½ o'clock, in the Methodist Church.

Closed with prayer.

Methodist Church,
Saturday, 8½ o'clock A. M. Oct. 6th

The Presbytery met and spent a season in devotional exercises.

The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

S. C. Alexander excused from sessions

A letter, from the Rev. S. C. Alexander was read, assigning reasons for absence from the sessions of Presbytery, and requesting a dismission to connect himself with a Presbytery to be hereafter formed, in connection with the Northern General Assembly. His excuse for absence was sustained, but his request for dismission was reserved for consideration at an adjourned meeting to be held in Charlotte during the sessions of the Synod.

Permission was granted to the Rev. Jas. B. Hood

and to the Rev. Wm. M. Kilpatrick to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery if the way should be open.

Davis & Mc. vs. Stewart

The consideration of the judicial case of Davis and Hutchison versus the Rev. J. C. Stewart was resumed. The following paper in relation to this case was adopted viz.

Whereas the trial of John Curtis Stewart has been pending before this Presbytery for some two years; Whereas we are satisfied that the defendant has been duly called on two occasions to appear before this body and defend himself against the charges preferred; Whereas also we are fully persuaded that the said J. C. Stewart ignores or denies the authority of this Presbytery; therefore resolved; That he be, and that he is hereby suspended, for contumacy, from all the functions of the Gospel Ministry until he shall meet this Presbytery and give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

It was furthermore ordered that the Rev. J. C. Stewart be informed of this action on the part of the Presbytery, and that he be cited to attend at its Spring Sessions at Rocky River to answer the charges preferred against him.

Carson & Stewarts.

The Stated clerk was directed to issue citations to the Rev. J. C. Carson, the Rev. J. C. Stewart and the Rev. L. L. Stewart to ap-

pear at the next regular semi-annual meeting of this Presbytery to be held at Rocky River to answer the charge of having written insulting and insubordinate letters to this Body.

Drusilla

The Committee appointed to consider the paper relative to Drusilla Church presented their report, which being amended was adopted, and is as follows;

Resolved that the Presbytery request Mr. Thos. Howard, and such of his family as are members of the Church, to transfer their membership to Drusilla, and that the Rev. W. N. Sutton be directed to give said church to hold an election for Ruling Elders, if the way be open, and to install the same.

The Committee on supplies presented a report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows,

Report on Supplies.

The Committee on supplies beg leave to report the following appointments of supplies to the vacant churches in our bounds;

That the Rev. Walter W. Sharp, and the Rev. J. C. Eagleton hold a meeting and administer the Sacraments at Shyatica, this Sabbath.

Rev. D. A. Penick jun. spend two weeks in Stanly county.

Rev. Jesse Rankin spend two Sabbaths in Watauga County.

Rev. H. H. Banks one Sabbath at Rheims Creek.

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Supplies.

Rev. Messrs. D. A. Brick jun. and R. Z. Johnston, each one Sabbath in Union County.
Rev. R. B. Anderson two Sabbaths at discretion.
Rev. B. L. Veall two Sabbaths at discretion.
Rev. J. Shotwell preach two Sabbaths in Polk Co.
Rev. A. W. Miller, and Rev. H. B. Ratt preach each a Sabbath at Hopewell, and administer the Lords Supper.
Rev. J. S. Barr one Sabbath, at discretion.
Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell one Sabbath at Salem.
Rev. A. H. Chapman D.D. and Rev. Wm. V. Morrison one week at Franklin (Macon Co.)
Rev. Wm. W. Pharr one Sabbath at discretion.
Rev. R. V. Davis and Rev. C. A. Rockwell one Sabbath each at Dameans Creek.
Rev. J. C. Miller D.D. one Sabbath a Salem.
Rev. R. Burwell and Rev. D. A. Brick jun. spend each one Sabbath in Charlotte church, during the absence of Rev. A. W. Miller at the General Assembly.
All others spend one Sabbath in Missionary labor. Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. C. Davis
Wm. V. Morrison Com.
D. H. Summey

Systematic Benevolence.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence made the following report, which was accepted, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

The Churches, partially recovered from the great financial prostration of last year, have improved somewhat on the contributions of that year.

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While it must be confessed that the Churches have not come up fully to the discharge of duty in this respect, yet the statistics show that the grace of giving does exist to some good degree, at least in some of the churches. The Statistical reports exhibit the following sums as given to the several objects specified, viz.

Foreign Missions,	$384.15.
Domestic Missions	470.63
Education "	233.80
Sustentation,	374.00
Publication,	311.65

It is proper to remark that many of the churches have given nothing as yet to any of the boards, while others have given to some and not to all. It is to be hoped that the pecuniary stringency, so sorely felt by the country at large, may become relaxed, that the churches will come up more promptly, and in a measure more adequate to secure the efficiency of these boards.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.
(Signed) Jesse Rankin,
Geo. E. Eagleton.

Narrative to Synod.

The following Narrative on the State of Religion was presented, accepted, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod. viz.

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The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the Presbytery of Concord beg leave to say

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0. That an enumeration of the manifold mercies vouchsafed to us by God, which could hardly be made, and for which we ought to be grateful, have not necessarily any place in a narrative on the State of religion. It should embrace the truths and facts reported by the pastors, Stated Sabbaths and sessions of the Churches.

In accordance with these views, the following items are presented by the committee, as the true grounds for forming a just estimate of the state of religion within our bounds. ✓

From the reports presented we learn nothing of the prevalence or arrest of intemperance— nothing of the breach or observance of the Sabbath— nothing of the prevalence or abandonment of worldly pleasures and amusements sufficient to justify the expression of an opinion— which is thought to be a defect in said reports. But there is painful evidence of a most impoverished state of the churches caused by the war, and a lamentable want, in some of them, of that love to the blessed Savior, which would lead them to make sacrifices of personal comfort and gratification for the advancement of his Cause. They have not imbibed sufficiently the Spirit of Him, who though he was rich, for our sakes became poor that we through

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his poverty might become rich.

Here we might find sufficient grounds for the profoundest sorrow of heart, and the deepest and longest continued prostration of soul before God, from whom a lean Spirit, as well as outward calamities, come as a curse. But there is light behind this cloud. Undeserving as we are of any favors from the Lord, it is our privilege to record from the same reports, and we do it with the profoundest gratitude to Him who "walketh amidst the Golden candlesticks and upholdeth the Stars in his right Hand", the blessed, soul-cheering truth, that most of our churches, under all their discouragements, and depressing circumstances, have kept their eye on the children and youth— the hope of the Church and of the world, and have sustained their Sabbath Schools with an increased degree of interest, and in some instances, with very happy results— that biblical and catechetical instruction have been, to some extent given; that weekly prayer meetings have been held; that the monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world has been observed in some of the churches; that an increase of interest in the Spiritual welfare of the colored people connected with our churches has been manifested and a commendable beginning made in some of them to instruct them in Sabbath

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Schools, and that there is an increase of the number of blacks in attendance upon the preaching of the gospel.

It is our privilege to record further the fact, that if some of our churches have been unable to give an adequate ministerial support, others have greatly increased their contributions for this purpose: that if some churches have contributed nothing, and others less than usual to the benevolent enterprises of the Church, there are some which have contributed much more than usual; that if our beloved Zion, for her sins, has been for a time under a cloud, and has experienced the displeasure of her Lord, there are delightful signs of His soon being reconciled to her, in the additions made to her communion, under the ordinary means of grace, and the large accessions under the precious and extraordinary visitations of the Holy Spirit of God in some of our churches; among which we might mention Rocky River, Concord Town, Poplah Tent, Statesville, Sharon, Philadelphia and Davidsons River churches, where there were manifested the genuine marks of a true work of God, calmness, depth of feeling and determination to submit themselves to the teaching and influence of the Holy Spirit, whose awful presence pervaded the assemblies of Gods people, and was felt and acknowledged by all; that there is a growing conviction

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among Gods Ministers, elders and people, that a great and widely spread out-pouring of the Holy Spirit of God is the great necessity of the hour; and that accompanying this conviction there is a growing faith in the use of Gods appointed instrumentalities for the reviving of his own blood-bought people, and for the redemption of that part of his purchased possession, which is yet under the power of sin and Satan; and that united with this faith among ministers elders and people, there is an informal, but real concert, of calm, humble, earnest prayer to the Great Head of the Church, that he would prepare His way, make it glorious, and hasten His coming to dwell with, and be admired in, all His Saints, and loved in all them that believe.

May our brethren, whose eyes shall be guided by these truths and facts respecting our beloved Zion, ponder them deeply, prayerfully, and bless God for his Mercy; open their hearts to the influence of Gods waiting Spirit; and to "Him, who with locks wet with the dews of the night, says, 'Behold I stand at the door and knock,'" consecrate themselves anew to Him who bought them with His blood, to be courage and come up in solid columns "to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

(Signed) N. Shotwell, Chrman

J H. Gorgen

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. J. H. Gorgen — a candidate under our care,

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J. H. Younger dropped

J. H. Younger reported that they had performed the duty assigned, and that J. H. Younger, owing to infirm health desires that he should be dropped from the list of Candidates. On motion his request was granted.

Com. on Ed & M. Tuttle

On motion the Committee on Education was directed to receive the candidate, M. R. H. Tuttle, under its care, as a beneficiary, and he was directed to repair, as soon as practicable, to Davidson College to prosecute his classical studies.

S. S. & Church

Ministers and churches sustaining the relation of Station supply were called upon to answer, why the relation of pastor had not been constituted.

Leave

Leave was granted to the Rev. H. H. Banks, to retain for consideration the call from the Asheville Church, until the next Stated meeting of the Presbytery.

Order

It was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon to consider the Papers on the State of the Church, laid over from the Spring Presbytery.

Sketch of B. S. Rivers

The Committee appointed to prepare a Biographical Sketch of the Rev. B. S. Rivers, presented their report, which, after being read was adopted, and ordered to be recorded in the Book of Memoirs, and a copy thereof to be furnished to the family of the deceased.

Leave

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions

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Recess

of the Presbytery was granted to the Rev. S. C. Millen D.D.

Presbytery took a recess until 30 o'clock P.M

3 o'clock P.M.

Hebron Ch. Trustees

Messrs. J. J. Price and S. A. Torrence were appointed trustees of Hebron Church, and directed to take charge of the property.

Min. of Synod

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Synod reported that the minutes had not been placed in their hands, and were discharged.

State of the Church

The Presbytery went into the consideration of the paper on the State of the Church, laid over from the Spring Presbytery. After general discussion, the Rev. R. H. Chapman D. D. Rev. A. W. Miller, and R. L. William Murdock were appointed a committee to bring in a minute expressive of the views of this Presbytery on the subject.

Sketch of W. S. Mowe

The Committee appointed to prepare a Biographical Sketch of the Rev. Wm. S. Mowe, presented their report, which was accepted, and ordered to be recorded in the Book of Memories, and a copy furnished to the family of the deceased.

Presbytery took a recess until ½ o'clock to-night.

7½ o'clock P. M.

Will of Cyrus Fleming

The Presbytery met. It having been announced in Presbytery that the late Cyrus Fleming a

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C. Flemming's Bequest.

Ruling Elder of Bethpage Church, had bequeathed one half of his property to the Committee of Domestic Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the Confederate States, the Stated Clerk was directed to inform the Committee of Domestic Missions of our General Assembly of said bequest.

Paper on admission of Members.

The following paper was adopted, viz.

Whereas it is of the utmost importance to the peace and purity of the church to prevent the entrance into it of persons who are unconverted;

And whereas the hasty opening of the doors of the church for the admission of persons to membership immediately after seasons of revival is well calculated to fill the church with unconverted membership; Therefore

Resolved, that this Presbytery does enjoin it upon all the Sessions of Churches under her care to observe great caution at all times in receiving applicants for membership; but especially at times of awakening, to give full time for the newly awakened to examine the foundation of their hopes; and that during such delay they diligently instruct all such persons in the nature and evidences of a saving work of grace.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of the Rev. S. C. Pharr D.D. presented the the following Report, which was accepted and the action recommended adopted, viz.

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Report on letter of Rev. S. C. Pharr Dom. Miss.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of the Rev. S. C. Pharr respectfully report: That said letter shows that Rev. S. C. Pharr has received from the Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Northern Presbyterian Church the sum, whether in all or in part does not clearly appear, of $440. on the allowed condition of continuing his connection with this Presbytery, That said sum is not a donation, but a Salary, is evident from the fact known to some members of Presbytery, that it was accompanied with a commission, which of course connects him with the Northern Church, and which, therefore, places his case amongst those whose course was considered by the Presbytery at its last meeting, and pronounced irregular.

When this commission was received, does not clearly appear- for no dates are given in the letter. The letter only states that the Northern Secretary opened a correspondence with the writer, after the latter had communicated with Dr. Breckinridge, sometime during last winter.

But the Commission was received either before or after the last meeting of Presbytery.

If after, then Rev. S. C. Pharr did that which his Presbytery had already condemned as irregular- in the face of its action accepting a commission from the Northern Church.

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Report on Letter of Dr. Thain

If the commission was received before the last meeting of Presbytery, (at which Rev. S. C. Thain was present) then his case was virtually included with the others, and his dismissed of, equally with theirs; and his not making it known to the Presbytery, places his case in a more unfavorable light than theirs; and his retaining his commission in despite of the action of the Presbytery, was virtually making the latter subordinate to the former.

Neither has he signified to Presbytery, at this meeting, his decision between his commission and the Presbytery— between the Northern Church and our own— as the others were required to do.

That the Northern Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions should consent to his retaining his connection with his churches and his Presbytery, whilst receiving a Salary from that Board, is a matter not hard to understand, when we consider that no one receives aid from it, who is not at least supposed to be in sympathy with it, or who may not be induced to carry out its designs.

When too we bear in mind the notorious fact that this same Northern Secretary refused a Commission to a Minister of the Northern Church, because he was suspected of sympathizing with the South— and when we reflect upon the manifest policy of this Northern Board to create a nucleus for itself

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Dr. Thain Letter Report on concluded

in every Southern Presbytery, and by schism destroy us, if possible: against which our General Assembly has solemnly warned us to be on our guard. ✓

The perils that surround our Southern Church being so great, and the need of constant vigilance to protect its life being so imperative, the Committee feel that the Presbytery would be justified in this additional case of irregularity, in resorting to censure. But they prefer to recommend to Presbytery to do no more at present than to affectionately advise Rev. S. C. Thain to return his Commission to the Northern Board, at once. But if unwilling to do so, then they require him to apply for a dismission from this Presbytery, at its meeting during the Sessions of Synod next week, in Charlotte.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) { J. W. Miller, V. C. Bonnoger, H. H. Banks.

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Leave of Absence

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery was granted to Rev. Messrs Jacob Hood, Jesse Rankin and A. E. Davis, and to Ruling Elders J. J. Purcell, and James Harper.

Presbytery adjourned until Monday morning 8½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Monday Morning Oct. 8th 1866

The Presbytery met and spent a season in devo-

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tional exercises. The Roll was called, and the minutes of Saturday were read, corrected and approved.

Leave — Leave of absence from the remaining sessions was granted to Rev. J. D. Wilson, and Ruling Elders, J. J. Shaum, J. M. Greenlee & J. C. Barringer.

Rpt on State of Ch deferred. — The Committee on the report on the State of the churches, presented a report, which was received, and the consideration thereof deferred until the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

S.W. Miller Sermon on Ch. Govt. — On motion the Rev. A. W. Miller was appointed to preach a sermon before the Presbytery at its next Spring Sessions on the government of the church of God, as it should be administered in our country and in this age.

Duties of R. Es. &c. — Also resolved that each pastor and Stated Supply fully instruct his flock as to the mutual duties and obligations of the elders and the people.

Narrative deferred — The Committee on the Narrative to the General Assembly obtained leave to present their report at the adjourned meeting to be held during the approaching meeting of the Synod in Charlotte.

Standing Rules to be printed — The Stated Clerk was directed to have all the Standing Rules of Presbytery published in the North Carolina Presbyterian.

S.C. Pharr Hopewell — Application being made for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Rev. S.C. Pharr D.D. and the church of Hopewell, consideration thereof

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was deferred till the adjourned meeting of Presbytery in Charlotte.

Res. on adjournmt. — Resolved, that when this body adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Charlotte on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M. in the Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath-Sermon on — On motion, resolved that each minister be enjoined to preach a sermon on the Sanctification of the Lords day before the next Stated meeting of the Presbytery.

Adjournt. — After the reading and adoption of the minutes, the Presbytery adjourned with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction, to meet in Charlotte on Wednesday, October 10th 1866, 11 o'clock A. M.

R. N. Davis, Moderator
J. Rumple, Stated Clk.
B. L. Boall, D. H. Summey, temporary Clerks

Charlotte, Res. met

Charlotte N. C.
October 10th 1866. 11 o'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met in the Presbyterian Church, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The Moderator being absent, the Rev. B. L. Boall, the last Moderator present, took the chair.

The Roll being called the following Ministers and elders answered and were enrolled, viz.

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	Ministers	Ruling Elders	Churches.
Roll	R. Burwell.	R. H. Morrison	Rocky River.
	John Douglass.	E. J. Erwin	Morganton.
	N. Shotwell	E. C. Wallis	Sugar Creek.
	R. H. Chapman D.D.	Chas S. Alexander	Sharon
	T. N. Paxton	D. H. Summey	Asheville
	A. W. Miller	Thos Brown	Joppa
	B. L. Beall	J. H. Bell	Hopewell
	Alex. Sinclair	J. Harvey Greenlee	Marion
	J. Rumple	R. S. White	Philadelphia
	Wm H. Pharr	J. M. Choate	Pleasant Hill
	R. Z. Johnston	W. H. Michal	Lincolnton
	H. H. Banks	David Parks	Charlotte
	D. A. Penick jr.	J. R. Blake	Davidson College
	H. B. Pratt		
	Wm McDonald		
	Wm. M. Kilpatrick		
	S. C. Pharr D.D.		
	S. C. Alexander		
	Walter S. Pharr		
	G. D. Parks		
	J. D. Hall		
	J. H. W. Freeman		
	G. E. Eagleton		
	E. H. Rockwell		

Narrative

The Rev. A. W. Miller, from the Committee on the Narrative to the General Assembly, presented their report, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to that body. It is as follows:

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Narrative to Gen. Assm

To

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in U.S.

Concord Presbytery respectfully reports to the General Assembly that during the past year, in most of its churches, the ordinances of the House have been regularly administered to large and attentive congregations.

1 Revivals.

Eight of our churches furnish the gratifying intelligence of a special visitation of the Spirit, by which professors have been revived, partizan at variance been reconciled, backsliders reclaimed, and many souls brought to Christ.

2. Instruction of youth.

Attention, more or less special, is given to the instruction of the youth of the church, by Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes, and in some churches, by Pastoral services for baptized children and their parents, wherein both are taught by pastors, their covenant obligations. It would be well for the church to have such services made, by the General Assembly, binding upon all pastors and Stated Supplies.

3 Instruction of Colored People.

Presbytery is gratified in being able to state that the religious instruction of the colored people is not only not neglected, but assiduously attended to, wherever opportunity is afforded by them. Very many are faithfully taught in Sabbath schools, and, in some congregations, special services are held

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with them, which are owned of the Spirit to the welfare of their souls. Very encouraging additions have been made to our churches from this class, during the past year. The more intelligent portion appreciate highly the advantages of Presbyterian preaching and teaching, and in some places contribute, unasked, to the support of the ministry, as well as to the spread of the Gospel. Turning away from their own blind guides, and from wolves in sheeps clothing, that seek not them but theirs, and live by plundering, they come back to the old fold, and to the old pasture-ground, placing themselves under the guidance and control of their old true and true friends, content to occupy their old position, and desirous of no change in the organization of the church of their choice.

4 Contributions to benevolent Objects and Payment of Pastors' Salaries.

Contributions to benevolent operations made by some churches have been liberal – by others small – by others we regret to say, none at all. The plea of these last is, the impoverishment of their people. Under the law the poor had their offerings prescribed to them and were none the poorer, but the richer, by their obedience. Under the Gospel, the poor – many of them – deem themselves released from all obligation, and are thus guilty of robbing God of His dues. Poverty that brings no sacrifices to the altar, is accursed of God. If the tithes are not brought into his storehouse, no blessing awaits them, but a deeper

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poverty still. It pains us to state that many of our worthy ministers have not received for their arduous labors, especially during the past year, a compensation at all adequate for their support. Time-serving, these noble-minded men, with a heroic devotion to principle, go about their work, enduring much privation, and often cast down under the weight of worldly care. If the evil lies at the door of the church, their candlestick may be removed, and they be left to walk in darkness. For God is a jealous God, and no slights go unpunished.

5 Revival of the Spirit of the Eldership among the Elders.

As among the most encouraging evidences of the Spirits presence with us, Presbytery record with gratitude to the great Head of the Church, the revival of the Spirit of the Eldership amongst a portion of our Elders.

The ancient custom, now fallen into too general disuse of Elders holding religious services with their flocks, on the Sabbath day, in the absence of their Minister, obtains in some few of our Churches, and as might be supposed, is attended with most beneficial effects. It would be well if all Elders were reminded that this is not optional with them, but is a law of the church, binding upon them.

It gives us great pleasure to state, that some of our Elders are disposed to come up to the full measure of their duty, as overseers of the flock, in visiting families, holding religious conversation catechising children, and praying with them as well as for them. This disposition, should be, by all means,

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fostered, that our beloved Church may be elevated to the Scriptural standard in this respect.

6 Efforts of the Northern Church to divide and cripple us

Presbytery grieves to have to state, that persistent efforts have been, and are still, made by the Northern Church, through its Board of Domestic Missions, and its Freedmans Committee, to sow the seeds of division amongst us, and by schism, if possible, to cripple and destroy us. Correspondence was opened by the Agents of said Boards with some few of our Ministers, and Commissions with salaries, have been accepted by these. Presbytery has acted with decision in such cases- rebuking the irregularity of Ministers being connected with two Denominations at the same time, and requiring all such Ministers to terminate their connection with the Northern Church or our own. Presbytery is happy in being able to state that none of those ministers who have left us carry their congregations with them.

In conclusion, Presbytery returns thanks to the Great Head of the Church, who has thus far, defeated the designs of a hostile Church against us, and their earnest prayer is that he will not suffer the wild boar of the forest to ravage our fair inheritance, nor the wild beast of the fields to devour it. (Signed) A. W. Miller, chm

Statistical Report.

The Statistical report of this Presbytery was read by the Stated Clerk, adopted, and directed to be forwarded to the Synod. (See Appendix P)

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Suspension of Carson & Stewarts continued.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted, viz.

Whereas, The Rev. John C. Carson, Rev. John C. Stewart and Rev. Leander L. Stewart were suspended from the functions of the Ministry until the Sessions of the Presbytery at Morganton, and whereas they have severally failed to appear at said Sessions and answer as cited,

Therefore, Resolved that suspension be continued, and until the Trials be had and determined.

S. C. Alex. on his name erased.

The Rev. S. C. Alexander having stated to this Presbytery that he had connected himself with another body, called the Presbytery of Catawba, in connection with the General Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church, it was resolved that his name be stricken from the Roll of this Presbytery.

S. C. Pharr & Hopewell relation dissolved.

The Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D. being called upon stated his reasons for asking a dissolution of the Pastoral relation between him and the Church of Hopewell. His reasons being sustained, the relation was dissolved. A Committee, consisting of the Rev. Alex. Sinclair, Hon. J. W. Osborne, and Gen. D. H. Hill, was appointed to confer with the Deacons of Hopewell, to aid in a final settlement between the Church and the Pastor.

Com. to settle.

On motion the Presbytery took recess till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

After Recess. 3 P. M.

The Presbytery met. This Presbytery being en-

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2 more Commissioners elected.

titled to six Commissioners to the General Assembly, and only four having been elected, the Presbytery proceeded to the election of two additional Commissioners. The Rev. H. H. Banks, and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison R. E. were elected principals, and Rev. R. H. Chapman D.D. and Dr. J. J. Ramsay R. E. alternates.

Dr. Phares Treas. F. M. reports.

The Rev. S. C. Phair, D.D. Treasurer of Foreign Missions presented his annual Report, which was accepted, and placed in the hands of an auditing Committee, consisting of the Rev. G. D. Parks and Charles J. Alexander, R. E.

Resigns

The Rev. S. C. Phair, D.D. tendered his resignation as Treasurer of Foreign Missions. His resignation was accepted, and the Rev. R. Z. Johnston appointed to fill the vacancy.

R. Z. Johnston elected.

Dr. Phair asks more time.

Dr. Phair asked further time to consider the requirement of Presbytery in relation to the commission he held from the Northern Board of Domestic Missions. Time was given him till Friday.

R. Burwell & Hopewell

The Rev. R. Burwell was appointed to preach in Hopewell Church, and declare it vacant.

The following Report was presented, and adopted, viz.

Treas. F. M. Acct. audited.

The Committee appointed to audit the Accts of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions report that they find that $66.00 have come into his hands, and that the same has been forwarded to the Assemblys Committee of Foreign Missions, and

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that for this amount a proper voucher is presented. (Signed) G. D. Parks.
C. J. Alexander.

Excuses

The Rev. S. C. Phair, D.D. the Rev. H. B. Ball & the Rev. Thm. McDonald, gave reasons for the partial, or non performance of Missionary duties assigned them at the Spring Presbytery.

Morrison have ab.

Leave of absence was granted to R. H. Morrison, R. E. from the remaining sessions of the Presbytery.

On motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator on Friday.

Closed with prayer.

Friday Oct. 12. 12 o'clock. M.

The Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and on motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Dr. Phair Adheres.

The Rev. S. C. Phair D.D. in open Presbytery declared his intention to return the Commission he holds to the source from which it came, and to forego the remainder of the Salary thereon, and his intention still to adhere to Concord Presbytery. On motion this declaration was accepted as satisfactory.

Recess.

Presbytery then took a recess until 7 o'clock P. M.

7 o'clock. P. M. Oct. 12: 1866

Minutes read.

The Presbytery met. The minutes of the preceding meetings were read, corrected and approved.

The Rev. W. H. Dalton and the Rev. S. A. Stanfield of

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Corr. Members

Orange Presbytery, and Rev. Mm. Banks and H. K. Dickson, of Bethel Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members. By request of Rev. A. W. Miller the minutes on Supplies were so altered as to read that Rev. A. W. Miller and H. B. Pratt, each, hold one Sacramental meeting at Hopewell Church.

Douglass retain Clls.

The Rev. John Douglass asked permission to retain for consideration, until the next Stated meeting of Presbytery, the calls from Steel Creek and Pleasant Hill Churches. Permission was granted.

Evangelist Dr. Nall

On motion the Presbytery unanimously resolved to invite the Rev. Robert Nall, D.D. of the Synod of Alabama, to act as Evangelist for this Presbytery. Rev. R. H. Chapman D.D. was appointed to correspond with Dr. Nall, and make the necessary arrangements.

Brackett Past. Rel. dissolved

The Rev. G. R. Brackett gave reasons for leaving his field of labor without the sanction of Presbytery, which were held to be satisfactory, and also gave reasons for asking the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself, and the Third Creek Church. On motion, the pastoral relation was dissolved and Third Creek Church declared vacant.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow, at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Oct. 13th 1866.

The Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

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Wood & Harding received.

The Rev. Messrs. W. A. Wood and E. H. Harding presented certificates of dismission from the Presbytery of Orange to this Presbytery. They were examined on the required points, and received as members of Concord Presbytery, & their names enrolled.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator

After recess. 5. P. M. Oct. 13th 1866.

Call for Harding

The Presbytery having met, a call from the Ch. of Concord Town for the pastoral services of the Rev. E. H. Harding, and promising him the sum of One thousand Dollars in quarterly instalments, was read and placed in his hands. He having accepted the call, the

Accepted com. on arrangt.

Rev. E. H. Harding, Rev. Thos. N. Paxton, and W. R. Allison, R. E. were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for his installation.

Prof. Lynch.

The Stated Clerk was directed to correspond with Prof. W. B. Lynch, and ascertain whether he is prosecuting his studies for the holy ministry.

Installn of Harding.

The Committee to arrange for the installation of the Rev. E. H. Harding, reported, recommending said installation to take place on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in Jan. 1867. That the Rev. J. Rumple preach the sermon & preside - Rev. D. A. Penick Sen. his alternate. That the Rev. D. A. Penick Jun. charge the Pastor Rev. W. B. Watts his alternate. That the

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Rev. R. Burwell charge the people - the Rev. W. A. Wood his alternate. His report was accepted and adopted.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and approved.

On motion the Resbytery adjourned to meet in the Church of Rocky River on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath of April 1867 at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

R. N. Davis. Mod.

J. Rumple, Statistick.

Absentees from the Resbytery at Morganton. Ministers, Walter S. Pharr, R. H. Morrison D. D. No excuse required.

Without rendering excuse. Danl. Lindley, R. Burwell J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, ~~John Douglas~~, J. C. Carson, J. H. W. Freeman, Alex. Sinclair, L. D. Stewart, J. H. Stewart, Jno. McDonald, J. R. Brackett, J. J. Porter.

Churches not represented. Mallard Creek, Unity (2) Hackpelah, Shelby, Newton, Hiwassee, Lebanon, Goshen, Mills River, Davidsons River, College, Sandy Plains, Bethany, Tabor, Franklin, Macon, Ebenezer, Drusilla, Taylorsville, Salem, Bethel, Long Creek & Lincolnton, Caldwell, Castanea Grove, Unity (2) Rheims Creek, Centre & Bethpage, Flatt Creek, Milk Sick, Jefferson Dallas, Shiloh, Franklin & Philadelphia & Bethlehem, Third Creek, Beulah, Wadesboro.

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The Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly that they consist of 51 ministers, and have under their charge 72 churches, 3 Licentiates & 2 Candidates

Ministers. Licentiates & Candidates.	Post Office.	Churches	Communicants: Added on Examination	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Total on Communicants	Baptisms: Adults	Baptisms: Infants	No of Children in the Sabbath Schools	Funds Collected: Domestic Missions	Funds Collected: Foreign Missions	Funds Collected: Education	Funds Collected: Publication	Funds Collected: Contingent Expenses	Congregational	Miscellaneous
Walter L. Pharr. S.S.	Park's Store. N.C.	Mallard Creek. S.S.			223										Old Statistics
R. H. Morrison D.D. S.S.	College Home. N.C.	Unity Lincoln Co. S.S.			60										O.S.
		Castanea Grove S.S.			48										O.S.
Stephen Frontis N.C. infirm	Deep Hill. N.C.	Thyatira. V.			203										O.S.
Jesse Rankin S.S.	Lenoir. N.C.	Lenoir. S.S.	5	1	45		2	40	18			120	20	5	320	
		Newton. S.S.	5	8	28	1	6									
D. A. Penick Sen. P.	Pioneer Mills. N.C.	Rocky River. P.	25	4	383	6	44		62	18	50	11	13	30	1125	
Daniel Lindley. F.M.	Port Natal. S. Africa	Hopewell. V.			219											O.S.
Robert Burwell. Teacher	Charlotte. N.C.	Shelby. V.			9											O.S.
James E. Morrison D.M.	Monroe. N.C.	Lebanon. V.			59											O.S.
James D. Hall. P.	Woodlawn. N.C.	Goshen. P.														
John Douglass. P.E.	Whitehall. N.C.	Steel Creek. P.E.	16	6	309	3	27			7	23			30	527	
		Pleasant Hill. P.E.	6		116											O.S.
Nathan Sholtell. P.	Rutherfordton. N.C.	Rutherfordton. P.			30		3	12						5	339	
		Little Britain P.		5	123		12	80								
William S. Morrison. N.C.	Asheville. N.C.	Hatt Creek. V.			25											O.S.
C. F. Rockwell. Professor	Davidson College N.C.	Salem. V.			94											O.S.
R. H. Chapman. D.D. D.M.	Hendersonville N.C.	Hendersonville. S.S. &			21											
		Mills River S.S. &			32											
		Davidsons River S.S.	22	3	40	7			63					23		
J. L. Kirkpatrick. D.D. intrans	Lexington. Va.	College Church. V.			36											O.S.
William Graves. D.M.	Mills River. N.C.	Bethel Haywood S.S.														
S. S. Mentzland. intrans	Bethany Church N.C.	Ebenezer. V.			47											O.S.
Walter N. Pharr. P.	Statesville. N.C.	Fourth Creek. P.	25	3	176	4	12	115	200	231	6		205	235	725	1104
J. M. W. Caldwell Pres.	Statesville. N.C.	Tabor. V.			96											O.S.

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J. A. Paxton S.S.	Marion	N.C.	Marion	S.S. &	4		29		6							8	165-	
			Siloam	S.S. &			47		4								130	
			Drusilla	S.S.			9											O.S.
J. F. P. Zeeman N.C.	Woollams	N.C.	Dallas	V.			15-											O.S.
J. E. Davis S.S.	Davidson College	N.C.	Ramah	S.S.	2	1	150		10		8					3		
			Bethel Mecklenburg	S.S.			69											O.S.
S. C. Millen D.D. S.S.	Taylorsville	N.C.	Taylorsville	S.S.	1		63		8	40								
			Bethesda	S.S.	6		103											O.S.
R. A. Davis P.	Lincolnton	N.C.	Long Creek	C.	10		105	1	10							6		
			Lincolnton	S.S.	7	4	65	1	7				50	50		10		
S. C. Pharr D.D. S.S.	Charlotte	N.C.	Caldwell	S.S.	31	4	242		22		325						300	
Jacob Hood S.S.	Franklin	N.C.	Hiwassee	S.S.			30											O.S.
A. W. Miller P.	Charlotte	N.C.	Charlotte	P.	11	24	212	4	10	275	361	160	360		103	90	4061	
B. L. Beall S.S.	Charlotte	N.C.	New Hope	S.S.		3	12		6		4	8				7	350	
W. C. Shultz P.	Morganton	N.C.	Morganton	P.	8		80	4	3				6			10	500	
John C. Carson N.C.	Mills River	N.C.	Beulah	V.			8											
L. S. Barr S.S.	Lincoln Tow.	N.C.	Macedonia	S.S.			10									2	60	
C. E. Eagleton S.S.	Piney Hill	N.C.	Concord	S.S.	21	4	258	2	25	75				3		20	880	
			Shiloh	S.S.	4	1	48	1	2	40				1		3	220	
H. B. Pratt S.S.	Charlotte	N.C.	Sugar Creek	S.S.	10	7	239	3	15	85	11	41	17	11		64	265	20
G. D. Parks S.S.	Enda	N.C.	Fifth Creek	S.S.	20		75-	2	7	30								
A. Sinclair N.C.	Charlotte	N.C.	Sandy Plains	V.			8											O.S.
L. Rumple P.	Salisbury	N.C.	Salisbury	P.	23	7	121	2	10	165	18	7	226	23	30	50	1600	406
L. L. Stewart N.C.	Asheville	N.C.	Rhiems Creek	V.			35											O.S.
D. A. Penick Jun. P.	Concord	N.C.	Poplar Tent	P.	39	10	220	9	20	60	25	16	60		29	40	800	135

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Wm. R. Khayr. P.	Cedar Creek.	N.C.	Bethpage	P.	10	5	170		16	60	23	23		23	3		225	20
D. C. Stewart. N.C.	Asheville.	N.C.	Centre	P.	7		150	2	11	25	11	11		11	3		240	
			Duncans Creek	P.			34											
W. A. Rose S. S.	Roman Mills.	N.C.	Third Creek	S. S.			200											O.S.
			Trinity. Roman	S. S.			91											O.S.
J. D. Wilson S. S.	Wilkesboro'	N.C.	Wilkesboro'	S. S.	7	3	23		2								250	
			Jefferson.	S. S.			5										50	
E. H. Harding P. E.	Concord.	N.C.	Concord Town	P.E.			162											O.S.
N. B. Watts. P.	Mt. Ulla.	N.C.	Prospect.	P.	18	7	384		25	140						15	350	35
			Back Creek.	P.	23	1	197	6	15	65	12					12	300	15
R. J. Johnston. P.	Providence	N.C.	Providence.	P.	22	4	160	9	24	40	14	6	15	4	3	24	442	
			Sharon.	P.	34	4	207	5	18	100	36	7	18	4	6	24	327	
R. M. Kilpatrick. S.S.	Mocksville.	N.C.	Joppa.	S.S.			59			10			12			6		
			Franklin. Roman	S. S.	1	2	57	4	1				6					
R. B. Anderson. Teacher	Cookville.	S.C.	Franklin. Mason	V.			25											O.S.
Wm. McDonald P.	Morrisons Tan Yard.	N.C.	Philadelphia.	P.	5	4	300		2	60	14	4				82	190	
			Bethlehem.	P.	5	2	80		3	25	6	2					60	
Gilbert R Brackett. N.C.	Wennsboro'	S.C.	Nadesboro'.	V.			19											O.S.
Geo. J. Porter. intrans	Hastingston.	Pa.	Swannanoa.	V.	8		46	2	8	17	12		6	6		8	120	
H. H. Banks P.E. 51	Asheville.	N.C.	Asheville.	P.E.	8	2	68		23	40	15	9	11	13			408	76
Licentiates - 3																		
I. I. Kennedy.			Olney.	S. S.	7		113		9									
R. K. Caldwell.	Enola.	N.C.	Bethany.	S. S.			75											O.S.
I. C. Kennedy.	Statesville	N.C.		—			72											
Candidates. - 2					460	129	3344	74	241	1569	1241	836	515	284	415	514	21808	1977

Statistical Report to the Synod of N. C. for 1865-6

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully report to the Synod of South Carolina, that they consist of fifty nine Ministers, and have under their care or nearly two churches, three licentiates and two candidates; That on the eighth day of October 1865 they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. J. C. Alexander and the Church of Steel Creek and declared said Church vacant, that on the 20th day of October 1865 they lost by death the Rev. Wm. Kirkpatrick that on the 3rd day of May 1866, they received by certificate, the Rev. John Douglas from the Presbytery of Charleston, the Rev. A. W. Miller from the Presbytery of East Hanover; the Rev. H. B. Pratt from the Presbytery of Orange, and the Rev. George C. Eagleton from the Presbytery of North Alabama; that on the same day they changed the name of Paw Creek Church to Caldwell Church; that on the fourth day of May 1866 they suspended from the functions of the Ministry, until the Fall Meeting of Presbytery, the Rev. John C. Carson, the Rev. John C. Stewart, and the Rev. Leander L. Stewart; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. J. C. Alexander, and the Church of Pleasant Hill, and declared said Church vacant; that on the 13th day of June 1866 they installed the Rev. A. W. Miller Pastor of the Church of Charlotte; that on the 3rd day of October 1866. They received the Rev. Jacob Hood from the late United Synod; that on the 4th day of October 1866 they received the Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell from the Presby-

Statistical Report Continued

tery of Cherokee; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. to the Presbytery of Lexington; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. S. S. Markland, and the Rev. Geo. J. Porter to the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia; That on the same day they received under their care, the Church of Salem, Buncombe County, from the late United Synod; that on the same day they dissolved the Church of Salem, and directed its members to be received by the Church of Asheville That on the 5th day of October 1866 they received under their care, the Church of Bethel (Haywood Co) from the late United Synod; That on the 6th day of October 1866 they suspended the Rev. John C. Stewart from the functions of the Ministry; that on the 10th day of October 1866 they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. J. C. Thain D. D. and the Church of Hopewell, and declared said Church vacant; that on the same day they erased from the roll the name of the Rev. S. Carruthers Alexander; that on the same day they suspended from the functions of the Ministry, the Rev. John C. Carson, the Rev. John C. Stewart, and the Rev. Leander L. Stewart, until trial be had

By Order of Presbytery.

J. Rumple, Statistical Clerk of Concord Presbytery.

Charlotte N. C. Oct. 10, 1866.

Rocky River Church— Wednesday, April 24. 1867

Wednesday April 24 th 1867
11 o'clock A. M.

Opening Sermon — The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. R. L. Davis, the Moderator, from Psalm

Text — III: 6— Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion.

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Present—

Roll.

Ministers.	Churches represented by	Ruling Elders
Jesse Rankin	Mallard Creek	B. H. Garrison
D. A. Penick, Jun.	Rocky River	David White
Robert Burwell.	Shelby	Isaac Irvine,
Jas. D. Hall	Steele Creek	B. A. Brown
John Douglas,	Fourth Creek	E. B. Stimson
Nathan Sholwell	Bethesda	Isaac A. Witherspoon
E. H. Rockwell	Charlotte	E. Nye Hutchison
William Graves	New Hope	Wm. Nolen,
Walter W. Pharr	Salisbury	Wm. Murdock,
Thos E. Davis.	Poplar Tent,	M. W. Johnston,
R. L. Davis,	Centre	R. McPherson
A. W. Miller.	Unity—Rowan.	J. C. Hoard,
B. L. Beall,	Concord Town	A. J. Yorke
Wm. C. Sheetz.	Back Creek	J. H. Goodman,
J. Rumple	Providence	E. C. Kuykendall,
D. A. Penick, jun.	Joppa,	Thomas Brown,
Wm. H. Pharr.	Philadelphia	Wm. Beaver,
Eph. H. Harding	Asheville	A. J. Summey,
W. B. Watts	Olney	R. T. Love

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Roll-call.

Ministers- R. Z. Johnston, R. B. Anderson, Wm. McDonald, H. H. Banks.

Churches represented by Ruling Elders

Officers elected.

The roll being called, the Rev. Nathan Shotwell was elected Moderator, and the Rev. R. Z. Johnston, and Ruling Elder, J. T. Lemmley, Temporary Clerks.

Recess.

Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After Recess.

The Presbytery met.

Gibbs & Johnston cor. mem.

The Rev. George M. Gibbs, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and the Rev. Thomas P. Johnston, of the Presbytery of South Mississippi, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Dr. Thurn appears. Min. read.

The Rev. S. B. Thurn D. D. appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Minutes of the last Stated, and the last adjourned Meeting were read.

Dr. Chapman & Eagleton appear. Graham & Beall

The Rev. R. H. Chapman D. D. and the Rev. J. E. Eagleton appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Jno. K. Graham, R. E. from Thyatira, and R. L. Beall, R. E. from Lenoir, appeared in Presbytery, and their names were enrolled.

Certificate dismissing the Rev. J. Wilson McPhail, D. D. from the Presbytery of East Hanover to the Presbytery of Concord

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was read. On motion Dr. McPhail was examined accoreding to the requirement of our Standards and received, and his name enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

Dr. McPhail received.

Excuses Barr, Hood & Kilpatrick

Letters were read from the Rev. J. S. Barr, the Rev. J. Hood, & the Rev. W. M. Kilpatrick, giving satisfactory excuses for absence from this meeting.

Ratl dismiss.

A communication from the Rev. H. B. Ratl, asking to be dismissed from this this Presbytery, to the Presbytery of Orange was read, and his request was granted and the Stated Clerk directed to furnish him with the proper certificate.

Kilpatrick dismiss.

The Rev. Wm. M. Kilpatrick asked to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Georgia. His request was granted and the Stated Clerk directed to furnish the proper Certificate.

Lynch transferred

W. B. Lynch, a candidate for the Ministry under the care of this Presbytery, was, at his own request transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Orange.

Standing Committees.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees, viz.

On Bills and Overtures.

Ministers: R. N. Davis, R. Burwell, R. E. Wm. Murdock.

Judicial Committee.

Ministers: Jesse Rankin, N. C. Sheetz, and R. McPherson, R. E.

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Stand. Com. contin.

On the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Ministers: John Douglas, H. H. Banks, Ruling Elder E. Nye Hutchison.

On the Minutes of Synod

Ministers: A. W. Miller, B. L. Beall, Ruling Elder, Wm. Nolen.

On Supplies.

Ministers: T. M. B. Watts, Wm. McDonald, Ruling Elder, M. W. Johnston.

Devotional Exercises.

Ministers: D. A. Penick jun. Jas. D. Hall,

On Sessional Records.

(1) On Records of Mallard Creek, Unity Lincoln, Castanea Grove, Thyatira, Lemley, Newton, Rocky River, Hopewell, Shelby, Lebanon, the Rev. John Douglas & B. H. Garrison R. E.

(2) Rev. E. H. Rockwell and Ruling Elder David White, on the Records of Goshen, Steele Creek, Pleasant Hill, Rutherfordton, Little Britain, Flatt Creek, Salem, Hendersonville, Mills River, Davidsons River & Bethel (Haywood).

(3) Rev. D. A. Penick, jun. and Ruling Elder Isaac Irvine on the Records of Fourth Creek, Tabor, Marion, Siloam, Drusilla, Dallas, Ramah, Bethel (Mecklenburg), Taylorsville, and Bethesda.

(4) Rev. Wm. Graves and E. B. Stimson R. E. on the Records of Shiloh, Sugar Creek, Fifth Creek, College Church, Sandy Plains, Salisbury

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Ebenezer, Rheims Creek, Poplar Tent, Bethpage and Centre.

(5) Rev. Thos. E. Davis and Ruling Elder B. H. Brown, on the Records of Long Creek, Lincolnton, Caldwell, Hiwassee, Charlotte, New Hope, Morganton, Beulah, Machpelah, Concord.

(6) Rev. Wm. W. Pharr and Ruling Elder J. A. Witherspoon on the Records of Dunns Creek, Third Creek, Unity (Rowan) Wilkesboro, Jefferson, Concord Town, Prospect, Back Creek,

(7) Rev. E. H. Harding and Ruling Elder E. Nye Hutchison on the Records of Providence, Sharon, Joppa, Franklin (Rowan) Franklin (Macon) Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Wadesboro Asheville, Swannanoa, Bethany and Olney.

To nominate Trustees of Davidson College

Rev. D. A. Penick Sen, Rev. R. V. Davis and Ruling Elder Wm. Murdock.

To nominate Trustees of Concord Female College.

Rev. R. B. Anderson and Ruling Elder, E. C. Kuykendall

The Rev. E. H. Harding, and A. J. Sumney R. E. were appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Publication.

On motion it was made the order of the day to hear the report of the Committee on Education, for to-morrow morning.

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Watts. agt. Pub. pro tem.

The Rev. W. B. Watts was appointed Agent of Publication, pro tem. during the absence of the Rev. G. D. Parks.

Standing order post poned.

On Motion the standing order of the day for the second day of the Sessions, viz. Domestic Missions, was postponed from 11 o'clock A. M. till 2 o'clock P. M.

Reports of Supplies

The Rev. Messrs. Wm. W. Sharr, J. E. Eagleton, D. A. Penick jun. R. J. Johnston, R. B. Anderson, W. L. Beall, T. Shotwell, J. W. Miller H. B. Pratt, Wm. W. Sharr, R. Burwell reported that they had performed the duty of supplying vacant churches and Missionary fields, as the Presbytery directed.

The Rev. Messrs Jesse Rankin, H. H. Banks, D. A. Penick jun. R. H. Chapman D.D. R. T. Davis, E. H. Rockwell assigned reasons for not fulfilling their appointments and were excused.

Adjourned.

On motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by the Rev. R. T. Davis.

Thursday 9 o'clock A. M.
April 25th 1867.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Morrison appears.

The Rev. J. E. Morrison appeared on the floor of Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

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Ruling Elders Jacob Monebarger of Dallas, and C. H. King of Concord appeared in Presbytery and their names were enrolled.

Resignation of Rev. J. D. Hall

The Rev. James D. Hall tendered his resignation as Pastor of the Church of Goshen. The Stated Clerk was directed to cite the Church of Goshen to appear by commission at the next regular meeting of the Presbytery, and show cause, if any, why said relation should not be dissolved.

Citation ordered

The Rev. G. D. Parks appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Ruling Elders J. H. Moore of Unity (Lincoln) and Wm. Vance of Castanea Grove, appeared in Presbytery and their names were enrolled.

Douglas accepts calls.

The Rev. John Douglas signified his acceptance of the calls placed in his hands, from Steele Creek and Pleasant Hill.

Treas. of Education reports

The Committee of Education, through their Treasurer, Dr. Hutchison made the following report. viz.

The Treasurer of Education has received the following sums from the Churches,

From Unity $12, from Salisbury $23. Castanea Grove $5. Centre $28, Bethphage $11. Mallard Creek $10.10. Hopewell $2. Rocky River $11. Salisbury (for 1867) $30- Total $124.10.

The Rev. E. H. Harding, and Ruling Elder A. L.

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Aud. Com. app.

Summey were appointed a committee to audit the above account, after its reception.

Aud. Com. report

The auditing committee on the Treasurers account, presented the following report which was received and adopted, viz.

Being appointed by Presbytery to audit the report of the Treasurer of the Committee of Education, we beg leave to state that we have discharged the duty, find the account correctly kept, disbursements supported by equivalent vouchers; and now in the Treasury Seven 00/100 Dollars (Currency)

(Signed) E. H. Harding
A. J. Summey } Com.

Resolution on contribution to Educ. Cause

The Rev. D. A. Penick jun. offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That in view of the pressing necessities of our Candidates for the Ministry, the Presbytery deem it expedient to anticipate the time appointed by the Assembly for a collection for this purpose, and that such a collection be taken up immediately.

D. A. P. jun. resigns

The Rev D. A. Penick jun. tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Committee of Education, which was accepted, and the Rev. J. H. McPhail D.D. appointed Chairman in his stead.

Rep. of Com. on Dev. Ex.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a Report. Pending the discussion of said report, the Presbytery took a recess of five minutes before public preaching. After

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divine service the Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

Deaths announced

The death of the venerable and Rev. Messrs Walter S. Pharr, and Stephen Frontis was announced in Presbytery.

Com. on Memoirs appointed

On Motion the Rev. E. H. Rockwell, the Rev. W. B. Watts, and Ruling Elder D. Creswell were appointed to prepare a Biographical Sketch of Father Frontis, and the Rev. D. A. Penick jun. the Rev. J. E. Davis with Ruling Elder Ira Parks, to prepare a Biographical Sketch of Father Pharr for the Presbytery's Book of Memoirs.

The Rev. S. C. Millen D.D. appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Ira Parks, R. E. from Sugar Creek appeared in Presbytery and his name was enrolled.

Wood excuse.

A letter was read from the Rev. W. A. Wood, giving a satisfactory excuse for absence from the present sessions of the Presbytery.

Papers on judicial cases refer.

The papers of the Presbytery relating to the case of J. C. Carson & J. C. & L. L. Stewart, and the papers of Hutchison and Davis against J. C. Stewart, were referred to the Judicial Committee.

Candidate received.

S. Harvey Bell, a member of the Presbyterian Church at Keith, New Hanover Co. was introduced to Presbytery by the Rev. E. H. Rockwell, as a candidate for the Ministry. The Presbytery proceeded to examine him on his views and motives for entering the Gospel Min-

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istry, which being sustained, he was taken under the care of the Presbytery, and placed under the care of the Committee of Education.

J. H. Gwaltney, R. E. from the Church of Marion, appeared in Presbytery and his name was placed on the roll.

Com. to nom. Trustees C. F. C. — The Rev. S. C. Pharr D.D. with E. C. Kuykendall, were appointed a Committee to nominate Trustees for Concord Female College.

Brackett excused & dismissed — A letter was read from the Rev. G. K. Brackett, giving his excuse for absence from the present Sessions of Presbytery, which was sustained, and he was dismissed at his own request from this Presbytery to the Presbytery of Harmony, Synod of S. C.

Call from Lincolnton returned. — A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. R. N. Davis from the Church of Lincolnton, promising to pay the sum of $800.00 annually, was presented, which not being in regular order was respectfully referred to the Church of Lincolnton for correction.

It being the hour for the regular ordering of the day, to wit to hear the report of the Committee of Domestic Missions, they offered, through their Secretary, Dr. Parks, the following report, which was received and adopted, viz.

Report of Com. of Dom. Miss.

Report of the Committee of Domestic Missions To Concord Presbytery.

It is with mingled joy and sad-

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Report of D. M. C. cont.

ness that your Committee would present this the first Report which they have been permitted to make since the close of the fearful war, the results of which are written in the desolations of our land. We rejoice that, in the mercy of God we have been enabled to commence operations again, though on a small scale. But we are sad, when we look abroad and behold the desolations of Zion- our beloved Zion- which as yet we see no way to relieve.

Not a year after the termination of the war, we were unable to do anything in the work of Domestic Missions because of the want of funds. But at the last Spring Meeting of Presbytery we found that a few of our churches had sent up contributions for this object. We hoped that others would follow their example, and not daring to despise the day of small things, and unwilling to turn a deaf ear to the cry that came up from the missionary fields, we felt that we ought to resume operations, observing caution, that we might make the most out of the means furnished to our hand.

Accordingly we commissioned three brethren to go forth to the much needed work, viz. Dr. R. H. Chapman to the County of Henderson, Salary $200.00 for one year;

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Bro. Wm. Graves at a Salary of $200.00 for four Months, in the bounds of Haywood and Jackson; and Bro. J. E. Morrison in Madison and Buncombe County Salary $200.00 for one year; making in the aggregate, the sum of $600.00. Relying upon the love of God's people for the souls of men, and the honor of Christs Kingdom, we expected to be able to meet these claims as they should fall due, and also to meet the claims of Missionaries and the Evangelist due for services rendered during, and immediately after the war. But in this reasonable expectation we are sorry to confess that we have been disappointed. We now find that we are behind in the payment of our Missionaries about $300.00

The churches in Henderson County would be self sustaining, but for an unfavorable condition of things in Graves, existing in the Mills River Congregation. But we are rejoiced to learn through Dr. Chapman, who has been laboring faithfully, and with encouraging success in that field, that in Mills River there are signs of returning life. And we hope under his judicious management, all hindering causes will be removed, and that the churches in that County will soon be able to support the Gospel among them with-

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out aid from the Committee. There has been an encouraging number of additions to these Churches.

Brother J. E. Morrison labored for one year in the field to which he was assigned. He reports nothing very encouraging in its condition.

In the bounds of Bro. Graves' field, there is one organized church, and six preaching points where he thinks organizations can soon be effected under encouraging prospects. There have been 6 or 7 additions to the Church, and some 25 or 30, who are ready to unite with our church at the other points, when organized.

While, we would thankfully acknowledge the goodness of God in blessing our efforts, we would humbly mourn the sad condition of other fields, that are without the means of grace, like sheep without a shepherd, exposed to dangers, hungering but with none to lead them into the green pastures of grace. O if God's people would but turn their eyes to these sufferings; would only open their ears to their cry, surely they would contribute, even out of their deep poverty, for the speedy relief of these weak Flocks of Christ. Have they forgotten that God has said- He that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord, and that which

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in Sath given will be wrong? Have they forgotten that God has said- He that stoppeth the poor shall not cook, but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse?

Which is respectfully submitted.

By Order of Com.

(Signed) G. D. Parks, Sec.

Parsons Sustent.

A paper upon the organization of our Missionary scheme, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Muller

To-morrow 10 o'clock was appointed to hear Mr. Muller, Editor of the N.C. Presbyterian, in behalf of his paper.

Millers Sermon

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow 11 o'clock, to hear the Sermon on Church Government, by the Rev. A. W. Miller, preached by appointment of Presbytery.

The following paper was read and adopted, viz.

Paper on behalf Fem. Coll.

As the peculiar circumstances of our times, and the peculiar condition of our country, render it highly important that our Institutions of learning should be liberally sustained, in order to furnish alike Sons and Daughters the facilities for a liberal education; the Presbytery are gratified to know that the Female College at Statesville under its present has an able, experienced, and devoted corps of teachers.

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The course of study is thorough and comprehensive- embracing all the ornamental, as well as the more solid branches of female education. The circumstances that surround the institution are all in its favor. The location is healthy and the climate pleasant, the mountain scenery surpassingly beautiful, the expenses of living comparatively cheap, the intelligence and morality of the people of a high tone.

The Presbytery therefore takes great pleasure in expressing its approbation of the wise and efficient management of the Institution, and would cordially commend it to the confidence and the patronage of all who have daughters to educate.

Trustees of Gen. Assem. College.

The Committee to nominate Trustees for Concord Female College made the following report, which was adopted. viz.

The Committee to nominate Trustees for Concord Female College, recommend, that the Rev. Walter W. Pharr, Messrs J. W. Stockton & H. C. McIntosh be appointed Trustees in the class of 1867, to serve four years, & that the Rev. W. A. Wood be appointed in the place of the Rev. W. S. Bridges, dec, in the class of 1869 to serve one year.

(Signed) Com. { S. C. Pharr / E. C. Ruykendall

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Corr. with Dr. Nall dropped

Dr. Chapman made a report in reference to correspondence with Dr. Nall on the subject of his accepting the office of Evangelist of this Presbytery. On motion it was determined to arrest the correspondence, and Dr. Chapman was directed to inform Dr. Nall of this action.

Rep. on Min. of Gen. Ass.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, presented their report which was accepted. Pending the consideration of said report, the Presbytery adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer by the Rev. W. W. Pharr.

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The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Mem. Rec.

The minutes of the Session of Olney church were approved, with exceptions.

Leave of absence after the Session of forenoon, was granted to the Rev. E. H. Rockwell.

Com. on Accts of D. M.

The Rev. J. D. Hall was appointed, with J. H. Greenlee, R. E. a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

The Rev. E. H. Rockwell offered the following minute in relation to the death of the Rev. Messrs W. S. Pharr and Stephen Frontis, which

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Minute on death of W.S. Pharr & S. Frontis

was adopted, viz.

The Presbytery [of Concord] learns with painful regrets the loss of two of its oldest members since its last meeting, viz. Rev. W. S. Pharr and Rev. S. Frontis.—

The former of whom was born in the vicinity of the place where he spent a long and useful life in the Holy Ministry, and died December 29th 1866, aged 78 years

The latter was born in France, early in life came to this country, and was providentially directed to our bounds, where he spent most of his ministerial life; which he closed on the 12th inst (April 12th 1867) at the age of 76.

These brethren and fathers in the Ministry, were men of great singleness of aim, of great honesty and godly sincerity; they were stern in rebuking vice—this used in preaching the word, great plainness of speech—they had the savor of godliness in all their conversation. With them the work of the ministry was co-eval with their lives—they left a track of light behind them, when they heard the voice of the Master, saying, Come up hither, and their works do follow them. The names of Walter Smiley Pharr, and Stephen Frontis

will long be repeated over a large district with affection and honor.

In recording their dimission from the present, and call to higher duties, we are warned to fulfill our Stewardship, that we may also be found waiting, with armor on, for the call of the Master. ✓

Reconsid. of Lincolnton Call

On motion, the action of the Presbytery in the call from the Lincolnton Church was reconsidered, and instead thereof the following resolution was adopted, viz. Resolved that the call from the Church of Lincolnton be placed in the hands of the Rev. R. V. Davis, and that the congregation be instructed to insert the words, "for the one half of his time," at the proper place, in the call; and that the committee appointed to install the Pastor see that the correction is made, before they proceed to the installation.

Jud. Com. Rep. on Trial of J. B. Stewart

The Judicial Committee presents the following report, which was received,

The Judicial Committee report that the papers in the case of D. A. Davis and E. Mye Hutchison versus J. B. Stewart have been placed in their hands, and that on examining the records of Presbytery, as to the action already had in the case, they find that he has been

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duly cited to appear before Presbytery to answer to the charges preferred against him, and that he has twice failed to appear in obedience to such citation. They further, that at the Regular Meeting last fall at Morganton, the following sentence was pronounced against him, found on page 272, Minutes of Presbytery, viz.

Whereas the trial of John Curtis Stewart has been pending before this Presbytery for some two years, whereas we are satisfied that the defendant has been duly cited on two occasions to appear before this body and defend himself against the charges preferred. Whereas also we are fully persuaded that said J. B. Stewart ignores or denies the authority of this Presbytery; therefore resolved that he be, and that he is, hereby, suspended for contumacy from all the functions of the Gospel Ministry, until he shall meet this Presbytery and give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

We find the further record on the same page, viz. That it was further ordered that he be informed of this action on the part of Presbytery, and that he be cited to attend at its Spring Sessions at Rocky River to answer the charges preferred against him.

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We recommend therefore that the Presbytery ascertain whether the citation ordered has been duly served, and that, if it has been served, he be solemnly deposed for contumacy, according to our book of discipline, Chap. V. Section XI.

If it appear that he has not been duly cited, we recommend that the necessary citations be ordered.

(Signed) Jud. Com. { Jesse Rankin, Wm. C. Sheetz, R. McPherson

Jud. Com on cases of J. C. Barson, J. C. & L. L. Stewart

The Judicial Committee also presented the following report, which was received, viz.

The Judicial Committee also report that certain communications were received at the last Spring Sessions of Presbytery - one from John C. Barson individually, and one from John C. Stewart and Leander L. Stewart jointly, containing offensive and insulting language applied by them to the Presbytery and to the whole Southern Presbyterian Church.

We find from the Records of Presbytery that said members were directed to be cited to appear at the Regular Fall Meeting to answer for the use of such language, and that they were suspended in the meanwhile, from the functions of

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of the Ministry. We find that they did not appear at said fall Meeting, and were ordered to be cited again to appear at the present Meeting, and that their suspension was continued. They, the said J. C. Barson, J. C. and L. L. Stewart not appearing at this meeting of Presbytery, we recommend that the Presbytery ascertain whether the citations last ordered, have been served, and that if they have been duly cited, the Presbytery proceed to suspend them severally from the functions of the Ministry for contumacy. And we further recommend that they be cited to attend at our next regular Fall Meeting, to answer the above mentioned charges. See discipline chap. V. Sec. XI.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Jud. Com. { Jesse Rankin, Wm. C. Sheetz, R. McPherson

Report adopted

On motion the Question was divided, and the case of Davis & Hutchison versus J. C. Stewart was taken up. It having been satisfactorily shown that the citations had been placed in the hands of J. C. Stewart, the Report of the Judicial Committee, in his case, was adopted.

The time having arrived, the Pres-

Presbytery proceeded to hear the address of W. Hutchison Esqr, in relation to the interests of the N. C. Presbyterian, at the close of which the following resolution was adopted, viz.

Resol. on N. C. Presbyterian

Resolved, that General Presbytery has heard, with much gratification the statements of the Editor of the N. C. Presbyterian, with regard to the condition and prospects of that paper, and it desires to express its satisfaction with the mode in which this important means of usefulness is conducted, and it would recommend to its ministers, as well as the private members of our churches, in all proper ways, to extend the circulation of that paper, and to use its columns for the diffusion of intelligence beneficial to all parts of the church, and that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Editor of the Presbyterian for publication.

The Presbytery then took a recess of fifteen minutes.

After Recess.

Sermon by A. W. Miller

The Presbytery met, and heard the Sermon preached by Rev. A. W. Miller, by appointment, on the Government of the Church.

After Sermon the Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After Recess.

The Presbytery met. A committee on

Com on Leave of Absence

Sessional Records

Jud. Com. Report in J. C. Carson & L. L. Stewart

Adoption.

Treas. of D. M.

Sess. Rec.

E. M. Caldwell appointed

leave of absence was appointed, consisting of the Rev. H. H. Banks, and Mr. Murdock

The Sessional Records of Providence, Sharon, Joppa, Asheville, Swannanoa, Steel Creek, Pleasant Hill, Bethesda (with exceptions), were approved

The consideration of the Report of the Judicial Committee was resumed, and the case of the Presbytery against J. C. Carson, and L. L. Stewart was taken up.

A certificate from R. Elder, J. S. Summey was presented, showing that the citation had been placed in the hands of J. C. Carson, & it was ascertained that L. L. Stewart had been duly cited. On motion the Report of the Judicial Committee as in relation to J. C. Carson and L. L. Stewart, was adopted.

The committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions, reported, and their report was adopted, (The report is lost, S Clk)

The Sessional Records of Poplar Tent, Olivia, Lenoir, Mallard Creek, Rocky River, Hopewell, Ramah, Shiloh, and Centre, were approved.

A. Sinclair appointed

The Rev. A. Sinclair appeared in Presbytery and gave excuse for tardiness, which was sustained.

E. M. Caldwell, R. E. from Ramah Church appeared in Presbytery, & his name was enrolled.

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Time & Place of Next Meeting. Ashville Aug 29. 67.

On motion the time and place of the next Meeting of Presbytery was taken up, and it was Resolved that when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet in the Church of Ashville on Thursday the 29th of August 1867, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Com. on Hopewell & Dr. Phar. Refered

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery in relation to Dr. Pharr, and the Hopewell Church, presented their report, which was received and on motion referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. G. D. Parks and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.

Install Mr. Douglass

The following arrangements for the installation of the Rev. John Douglass over the Churches of Steele Creek and Pleasant Hill, were ordered, viz.

First, That said installation take place at Steel Creek Church on Saturday before the first Sabbath in July next.

Secondly, that the Rev. R. B. Anderson preach the Sermon- Rev. R. Burwell his alternate, The Rev. Walter W. Pharr presides and charge the Pastor- Rev. R. Z. Johnston, his alternate.

The Rev. G. D. Parks charge the Congregation - the Rev. B. L. Beall his alternate.

The following resolution, in relation to a division of the Presbytery was adopted

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viz.

Resolved that a committee of five be appointed to consider the expediency of dividing this Presbytery, and if they regard it as expedient, to propose such boundary lines as shall make each Presbytery more efficient than they can be in their united character, and report to this body at our next meeting.

The committee under the above resolution consists of Ministers, R. H. Chapman D. D. D. A. Penick Jun. A. W. Miller, Ruling Elders, Dr. R. L. Beall & J. H. Gremlee Esqr.

Com. on Education

The following committee in Charge of the cause of Education was appointed, viz.

Rev. G. Wilson McPhail, Chairman, Rev A. W. Miller, Rev. R. Burwell, Rev. J. Rumple, E. Nye Hutchison, M. D. & Prof. J. R. Blake.

Report on Supplies

The committee on Supplies made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

The committee on Supplies would beg leave to make the following report.

That Rev. G. W. McPhail D. D. and Robt Burwell spend one Sabbath and administer the Lords Supper at Hopewell.

That S. C. Millen D. D and J. D. Hall each spend one Sabbath at Hopewell.

A. W. Miller spend one Month in Rowan

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Gen'l and Buncombe Counties, John Douglass one Sabbath at Dallas, J. D. Clarke and Wm. McDonald each one Sabbath at Monroe. M. W. Johnston, one Sabbath in Union Co. J. Rumple, and D. A. Penick, one Sabbath and administer the Sacrament at Joppa. W. A. Wood, and Wm. W. Phan one Sabbath and administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Salem. J. H. McCaskill one Sabbath at Franklin, and one at Salem. W. W. Phan and J. D. Wilson spend two weeks in Ashe and Watauga Counties and administer the Sacraments at Jefferson. J. E. Eagleton and R. L. Beall one Sabbath, and administer the Sacraments at Hyatt-ville, T. E. Davis one Sabbath at Franklin, and Dallas. E. H. Rockwell one Sabbath at Olney. R. N. Davis, one Sabbath at Mackpelah, L. C. Phan, one Sabbath at Mackpelah. J. L. Carr one Sabbath each at Olney and Salem.

And that one Licentiate, J. J. Kennedy spend two Sabbaths each at Hopewell Hyattsville, Franklin, Salem, Salem and Dallas- J. Rumple one week in Anson County, and J. D. Hall one Sabbath at Olney.

And that all other Ministers spend on Sabbath at discretion, and that they be called upon at next regular Meeting of

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Presbytery to state whether they did such, and when they spent it. And your Committee would recommend that Presbytery enjoin it upon their brethren to have a collection taken up for some one of the enterprises of the church. Also the adoption of the following

Special Resolution viz.

Resolved, that Presbytery directs our vacant Churches to pay to the supplies sent them by Presbytery $10.00 for each days service, and that such churches which may desire more supplies than those appointed, should for this purpose confer with the Domestic Missionary Committee and that this Committee be empowered to direct such Ministers to this service as were appointed to preach at discretion.

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All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. B. Watts.
Wm. McDonald,
M. W. Johnston.

Sessional Records

The Sessional Records of Concord, Solution, Long Creek, New Hope were approved as far as written.

Sermon on Baptism D. A. P. pas.

The following Resolution was adopted, viz.

Resolved that the Rev. D. A. Penick pas. be appointed to preach a Sermon at the next regular Meeting of Presbytery, on the subject of Baptism- its divine authority, obligations and benefits.

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Call accepted—Asheville

The Rev. H. H. Banks signified his acceptance of the call from the Asheville Church, and the following arrangements were made for his installation, viz.

Installation of H. H. Banks

That the installation take place during the fall Sessions of Presbytery at Asheville. That the Rev. Thos. K. Tupton preach the sermon, Rev. R. K. Davis his alternate. The Rev. R. H. Chapman D. D. preside and charge the Pastor—the Rev. R. Z. Johnston his alternate, The Rev. W. A. Wood, charge the people—the Rev. Wm. W. Hart his alternate.

Records of Sess.

The Records of Concord, Prospect (with exceptions) Back Creek (with exceptions) were approved.

The consideration of the Report on the Minutes of the General Assembly was resumed, and the Report adopted, which is as follows:

Report on Gen. Ass. Minutes

The Committee, to whom was referred the Minutes of the general Assembly, report that they have examined them, and would direct the attention of Presbytery to the following recommendations and Resolutions, for their approval and adoption, viz. p. 9. Resolution on Assessment of Presbyteries. p. 13. Res. 1 & 2. p. 15 Res. 6—p. 27 Res. 4.— p. 34, The Assembly's volume for defraying expenses of Commissioners to its Sessions; —p. 35, 4th & 6. Res. 3 & Jordan's Resolution on Benevolence,

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p. 36 Res. 1. at bottom of the page—p. 38 Res. 3d & 4 and overture of the Book of Church Order to the Presbyteries.—p. 38, 1st paragraph on Systematic Benevolence.— p. 39 Resolution 1st.

The Committee also returned the following paper on Sustentation, recommending its adoption. It was adopted, viz

Sustentation

Domestic Missions.

Rules.

In order to secure unity in the domestic missionary operations of the whole Church and to increase their efficiency within the bounds of this Presbytery,

Resolved 1st. That the Presbytery of Concord will cordially co-operate in the General Assembly's Scheme of Missions and Sustentation, and conduct its operations under the regulations of the Assembly's Committee.

Resolved 2nd, That this Presbytery will appoint annually, at its Spring Sessions, a Committee of five to take the oversight of the work in its own bounds, which Committee shall elect its own Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary annually at the first meeting after its appointment.

3rd. Any three of this Committee, meeting at the time and place appointed, or upon the call of the Chairman, after due notice shall be a Quorum.

4th. The duties of this Committee shall be to have special oversight and control of

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add, Missionary operations in our bounds, to recommend Missionaries for vacant fields to the Assembly's committee, to receive and consider quarterly reports from the Missionaries, to secure regular and liberal contributions to this cause, from the Churches, if practicable, and to make out and present to each regular Spring Session of Presbytery a full report of all its Missionary operations.

5th The Committee, besides its annual report, shall, at the same time present its minutes for the review of the Presbytery.

6th. In addition to the regular paid Missionary operations, said Committee shall have charge and oversight of our system of Missionary supplies, and shall nominate Members of Presbytery to supply vacant Churches and Missionary Stations, and these supplies shall report to this Committee such facts as may be useful to this Committee in its work.

7th. This Committee before recommending a Missionary to be Commissioned, or any funds to be paid to Ministers inadequately supported, from the Sustentation fund, shall carefully ascertain how much can be raised in the field for his support, and whether the Church is doing as much as it can for the support of its Pastor or Station Supply.

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8th. This Committee shall hold regular Meetings for business as often as may be necessary at such times and places as they may designate, and shall meet at other times at the call of the Chairman

9th. In order to secure the punctual attendance of every member of this Committee, the Treasurer shall pay from the Treasury the necessary expenses of members in travelling to and from the place of meeting.

R. Burwell to correspond with unemployed Min.

The Rev. R. Burwell was appointed, in Compliance with the order of the General Assembly (Minutes 1866 p 87. Res. 7) to correspond with all Ministers not in the regular discharge of Ministerial labors

Absence

The Committee on leave of absence reported that they had granted leave of absences after this P. M. session to the Rev. Messrs. J. Rankin, R. H. Chapman D.D. G. Wilson, McNeil D.D. and J. D. Hall, and to R. Elders Thos. Brown, J. C. Hoard, and to the Rev. J. Sinclair. And after to morrows session to R. E. E. Nye Hutchison. The report was approved.

On Motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer by the Rev. R. B. Anderson.

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9 o'clock A. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Com. to nominate Sst. Com. Presb. Miss. appointed

The Rev. N. Burwell and the Rev. D. F. Pe nick Jun, were appointed to nominate a Presbyterial Committee of Domestic Missions.

The Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell appeared in Presbytery and rendered Satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Committee appointed to visit the Olney Church presented their report, which was accepted, and the Committee discharged. The Report is as follows, viz.

Report on Olney Ch.

The Committee appointed to visit Olney Church &c. report that they met at Olney Church on Friday the 9th of November 1866, and after prayer and conference with the session it was agreed that a Congregational Meeting be held on Saturday. The Meeting was called and the Moderator stated fully and particularly the occasion of the Committees presence, and the object of the Meeting, and urged upon the people the importance of calling a pastor

After stating that all regular members of that Church had a right to vote, the Moderator

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put this question, (which was moved by one of the Elders) viz. Will the Congregation now call a Stated Supply? A large majority voted "yea." The Rev. W. W. Carothers received a large majority of the votes for Stated Supply. But Mr. C. declined. Another meeting was held on the Sabbath and the Rev. R. B. Anderson received a unanimous vote to supply the pulpit until the next meeting of Presbytery, and a Committee appointed to correspond with him. The Committee were empowered to to invite the Rev. J. S. Barr, by unanimous vote, in the event Mr. A. could not be obtained. Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. L. Beall
R. G. Johnston
Wm. Arrowood.

Report on Hopewell Ch.

The Consideration of the report of the Committee appointed to settle the matter between Dr. S. B. Thar and the Hopewell Church, was resumed, and the Committee to whom the report was referred opened and read the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Minute in regard to the settlement effected between Dr. Thar and the Church of Hopewell present the following as expressive of the view of Presbytery on the matter. Inasmuch as a mutual agreement had been entered into between said Pastor and

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Congregation for the disposal of 1/3 of Dr. P's time for the benefit of Caldwell (then Paw Creek) Church, thereby changing the original compact; and since said change was sanctioned by Presbytery, the Presbytery cannot withhold its approval of that part of the settlement which deducts 1/3 from the amount first promised by Hopewell from and after the time when Dr. P. commenced preaching at Caldwell.

And while Dr. P. by assenting to the settlement effected between himself and the congregation of Hopewell, and by giving a receipt in full of all claims has destroyed his legal right to anything more, yet Presbytery would distinctly refuse to sanction a principle acknowledged in that settlement - viz. That a congregation is released from the payment of the full amount promised to the Pastor, because of the withdrawal of subscriptions by any of the subscribers in the Congregation. And we do further therein hold that Hopewell was morally bound in that settlement with Dr. P. to make up to him all losses occasioned by such withdrawal of subscriptions by any of her members, and also, To require of such members a faithful compliance with their obligations so long as the the pastoral relation continued between that church and Dr. Parr.

(Signed) J. D. Parks, Chairman.

Trustees of Dav. Coll.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College offered their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College report the following names, viz.

In the place of Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. resigned, in the class of 1866. the Rev. J. Wilson McPhail D.D.

Class of 1867 - Rev. S. C. Pharr D.D. Rev. A. Sinclair, Rev. J. Rumple, Rev. R. B. Anderson, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, J. H. Wilson Esq. Dr. R. L. Beall.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) D. A. Penick, Sec. R. Y. Davis, Com. Wm. Murdock

Min. proceedings Min. Gen. Ass.

The following resolution was adopted, viz. Resolved, that the Stated Clerk be instructed to procure a full set of the Minutes of the General Assembly, and have them bound, as soon as a volume is completed, and the Treasurer is hereby instructed to pay for the same.

Res. on Publication.

The following resolutions on Publication were presented, and adopted, viz. Resolved 1st, That in compliance with the recommendation of the last General Assembly, (Min p. 24) the Presbytery of Con-

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ored appoints the Rev. G. D. Parks, our Presbyterial Agent of Publication a corresponding member of the Committee of Publication, to take special oversight of its operations within the bounds of this Presbytery.

Resolved 2nd— That this Presbytery recommend the Rev. G. D. Parks to the Committee of Publication, as its Presbyterial Agent for the sale of the Publications of said Committee.

Resolved 3rd— That the Rev. G. D. Parks be directed to make arrangements—if practicable—with such persons as may be suitable, to keep for sale the publications of this Committee.

The following report was received and adopted viz.

C. H. Harding Installed

The Committee appointed to install the Rev. C. Harding over the Church of Concord Town report that the duty was performed by the parties, and at the time and place appointed. (Signed)

J. Rumple, Chm.

It was made the order of the day to hear all applications for leave of absence immediately [before] recess.

Motion. To elect Evangelist

On Motion it was resolved that Presbytery do now proceed to the election of an Evangelist for this Presbytery, at a Salary of $600.00 and the Churches to be assessed by the Committee of Domestic Missions to raise the necessary funds.

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Nominations.

The Rev. B. L. Beall, and the Rev. P. J. Pennick, were nominated. Pending the discussion, the subject was, on motion, postponed till 2 o'clock P. M.

Com of Dom. Miss.

The Committee appointed for the purpose, nominated the following persons for the Committee of Domestic Missions, who were elected, viz. J. Rumple, Chairman, G. D. Parks, E. Nye Hutchison, D. A. Davis, Walter W. Pharr.

Call from Lincolnton

The call from Lincolnton, for the Pastoral services of the Rev. D. A. Davis, was at his request, allowed to remain in his hands for consideration until the next meeting of Presbytery.

Copy of M. Millers sermon requested.

On motion the Rev. J. W. Miller was requested to furnish the Presbytery a copy of the Sermon preached by him Yesterday, on the Government of the Church, for publication.

Com.

The Rev. Walter W. Pharr, the Rev. J. Rumple, & Dr. B. L. Beall were appointed a Committee to raise the means, and procure its publication.

Abs. Excused

The following were excused for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery, viz. Rev. Messrs R. Burwell, J. E. Morrison, John Douglas, A. F. W. Freeman, Jas L. Hall.

Churches not called on for Ex.

On motion resolved that hereafter the Churches be not called upon for excuses for failure in being represented in the Presbytery.

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Res. on paying to support the Ministry.

The following Resolution was adopted, viz. Resolved— That, in the opinion of this Resbytery a failure on the part of any member of the Church, to pay a reasonable and proportionate amount, according to his means, to the support of the Gospel Ministry in his or her church, should be cause for Church discipline.

The Resbytery took recess until after divine worship

After recess

Leave of absence

The Resbytery was called to order. Leave of absence after to-days Sessions was granted to R. McPherson, J. D. Kerr & W. H. Garrison, R. Elders, and to the Rev. J. A. W. Freeman.

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The following members were excused from further attendance upon the present Sessions, viz. S. C. Millen D. D. Ruling Elders Ira Parks B. F. Brown, M. W. Johnston and M. E. Caldwell.

Records

The records of Ramah Church were approved with exception

B. L. Beall elected Evangelist

The hour for the election of an Evangelist having arrived, the Resbytery, led by the Moderator engaged in solemn prayer to god for divine direction. The Resbytery then proceeded to ballot, which resulted in the election of the Rev. Benjamin L. Beall, by a majority of ballots. On motion the election was made unanimous. Mr. Beall was directed to report his decision to the Committee of

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Papers on State of church indef. postponed.

Domestic Missions

The consideration of the Papers on the State of the church, laid over from the last Resbytery, was indefinitely postponed.

Reported

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, that no business had come into their hands, and were discharged.

Book of Church Order.

The consideration of the Book of Church Order, overtured by the general Assembly to the Presbyteries, was postponed till the Fall Meeting of the Resbytery.

Com. to Gen. Ass. report.

The Commissioners to the last general Assembly reported that they had attended the meeting of the general Assembly as their duty required

Reports on Instruction of R. E. & Dea.

The Rev. Messrs J. Rankin, D. A. Penick sen. J. Shotwell, Walter W. Pharr, J. C. Pharr, D. D. & W. Miller, B. L. Beall, J. E. Eagleton, J. Rumple, W. B. Watts, R. J. Johnston and H. McCorkle reported that they had instructed their congregations on the duties of Ruling Elders, Deacons and Congregations, as the Resbytery ordered.

Reports on Sabbath Sanctify.

The Rev. Messrs. J. Rankin, D. A. Penick sen. Wm. Graves Walter W. Pharr, R. N. Davis, W. Miller, B. L. Beall, J. E. Eagleton, D. A. Penick jun. W. J. Watts, R. J. Johnston, R. B. Anderson, Wm. McDonald reported that they had preached on the Sanctification of the Sabbath as directed by the Resbytery. The Rev. R. Burwell reported that he had,

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declared Hopewell Church vacant, as directed, and had appointments to preach there.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod presented a report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod respectfully report that they find one subject referred to the consideration of the Presbyteries, viz, the education of the children of our deceased Soldiers.

This is an object of benevolence, most praiseworthy in itself, and one which has claims upon every community in our Southern Land, to ignore which is to be insensible to which, would be to entail upon ourselves lasting infamy, a burning reproach.

To evade a duty which every where has been sanctioned equally by the convictions of the judgment and the sympathies of the heart of Enlightened humanity, would sink us far, far below the very heathen themselves.

It would be doubly disgraceful, should the examples of Greeks and Romans put Christians to the blush.

But the very fact that such an obligation devolves upon man, as a member of society, upon heathen as well as Christians, shews that it is, not ecclesiastical, and therefore such general schemes of benevolence, praiseworthy though they are, cannot come

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under the cognizance of the courts of the Lord Jesus Christ. The constitution of the church, the word of God, restricts the church to a sphere of exclusively ecclesiastical. The great Protestant principle has uniformly been recognized by our church, "Whatever is not commanded is forbidden". And our Confession of Faith expressly declares, that "Synods and Councils are to handle or conclude, nothing but that which is ecclesiastical." Presbytery therefore, in obedience to the Constitution of the Church, submits this important and praiseworthy object to the Sympathy and the support of all citizens, who respect the obligations which humanity and patriotism impose.

(Signed) Com. { A.W. Miller, R. L. Beall

Vote of thanks

The following resolution was unanimously adopted. viz:

Resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery are due, and are hereby tendered to the good people of Rocky River Congregation for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Presbytery during its Sessions, and that the Pastor be requested to make known the contents of this resolution to said Congregation. Thanks are also due to the several Rail Roads for reduction of fare.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of To-day were read and approved.

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On motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet at the church of Asheville on Thursday the 29th of August A.D. 1867, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

N. Shotwell, Moderator.
A. T. Summey } Temporary
R. J. Johnston } Clerks.

J. Rumple, Stated Clerk.

Absentees from the last meeting of Presbytery without rendering excuse

Rev. Daniel Lindsley, Rev. Thos. N. Paxton, Rev. W. N. Morrison, Rev. L. L. Stewart, Rev. J. D. Wilson, Rev. J. C. Carson.

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Thursday Aug 29th 1867
7 o'clock P. M.

Sermon. The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. Nathan Shotwell, from Matt. Sept. XXVIII: 19, 20. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen

Prayer. The Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Roll. The Roll of Ministers and churches was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present.

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Churches.
D. A. Penick Sr.	R. H. Morrison	Rocky River
N. Shotwell	J. M. Sprall	Little Britain
Wm. P. Morrison	J. B. Kerns	Hopewell
E. H. Rockwell,	Wm. Connell	Hendersonville
N. H. Chapman D.D.	S. Williams	Mills River
William Graves,	J. W. Killian	Davidson's River
Walter W. Pharr	R. N. Sneeland	Howith Creek
W. N. Paxton	Robt. Burgin	Marion
D. E. Davis	J. M. Glenn Lee	Lilesville
J. C. Miller D.D.	E. J. Erwin	Morganton
R. N. Davis	Wm. Norwood	Long Creek
J. C. Pharr D.D.	W. A. Gaither	Caldwell.
Jacob Hood	J. M. Hutchison	Sugar Creek

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Roll	Ministers	Ruling Elders	Churches
	A. W. Miller D.D.	E. Nye Hutchison	Charlotte
	B. L. Beall	J. G. Johnston	Sharon
	G. E. Eggleton	T. M. Hill	Concord
	Alex. Sinclair	J. C. Westall	Swannanoa
	J. Rumple	Wm. Murdock	Salisbury
	D. A. Penick jun	Curtis Sanders	Franklin Macon
	W. A. Wood	R. K. King	Philadelphia
	W. B. Walls	J. J. Stewart	Back Creek
	H. H. Banks	W. T. Cooke	Asheville
	22.	G. A. Rush 23.	Ebenezer

The Roll being formed, the Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. W. A. Wood for Moderator, and the Rev. B. L. Beall and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, for Temporary Clerks.

Officers elected

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning, at nine o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning 9 o'clock
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The Presbytery met and spent a season in devotional exercises.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved

Corresponding Members

The Rev. Henry T. Dickson, of the Presbytery of Bethel, the Rev. J. P. Johnston, of the Presbytery of North Mississippi, and the Rev. Th. Taylor of the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding

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members.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Stated Meeting were read and corrected.

Standing Rules read.

The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read.

Excuses

The Rev. G. K. Paxton, and the Rev. W. K. Morrison assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from the last Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

Excuses.

Letters assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of the Presbytery were read from the Rev. Messrs R. Bedwell, W. C. Shultz, J. A. Barr and R. J. Johnston. The Rev. J. Douglass also tendered, through the Rev. H. H. Banks, a satisfactory excuse for absence from the present meeting.

Cor. Mem.

The Rev. R. T. Price, of the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Com. appointed.

The Moderator announced the following list of Committees, viz.

On Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. A. W. Miller D.D. D. A. Penick jun. J. Rumple, and R. E. E. J. Erwin and W. T. Cooke.

Judicial Committee

Rev. Messrs. A. H. Chapman D.D. Walter W. Thom, & R. E. E. Nye Hutchison.

On Narrative to Synod.

Rev. R. T. Davis, Rev. G. K. Paxton, and R. E. Robt H. Morrison.

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committee appointed

On Narrative to General Assembly.
Rev. S. C. Millen D.D. Rev. G. E. Eagleton and R.: E.: J. M. Hutchinson.
On Systematic Benevolence.
Rev. E. H. Rockwell, Rev. S. C. Thain D.D. and R.: E.: Wm. Murdoch.
On Devotional Exercises
Rev. H. H. Banks, Rev. D. A. Penick Jun. and R.: E.: J. M. Greenlee.

Book of C. C. referred

On motion the Book of Church Order was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Papers in relation to Carson & Stewart

On motion the papers in relation to the cases of J. C. Carson and Lo. Lo. Stewart were referred to the Judicial Committee.

Order for reports

On motion it was made the order of the day for this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to hear Statistical Reports, Reports of Sessions on the State of religion etc, and Pastors Reports on Catechising.

M. E. church tendered

The use of the M. E. Church was tendered to the Presbytery, and accepted, and the thanks of the Presbytery returned for the courtesy.

Comm. Dev. Ex. Rep.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, in part, recommending that the Presbytery spend the first half hour of each Morning Sessions in devotional exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator. The report was adopted.

The Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions

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was read and accepted, and on motion referred for consideration to a committee consisting of Rev. D. A. Penick Jun. Rev. J. Rankin, and Wm. Murdoch R. E. ✓

The following is said report, viz.

Report on For. Miss.

To the Presbytery of Concord.

In making this annual Report of the doings of our people in behalf of Foreign Missions, since Oct. 1866, your Agt. has to say, that only 12 of 72 churches under your care have reported to him as having done any thing for this cause, viz

The Salisbury Church gave	$ 51.	00
Charlotte	127	00
Providence.	17	00
Sharon	9	95
New Hope	10	20
Asheville	8	20.
Mouth Creek	20	85
Mallard Creek	9	65
Unity-Lincoln-	8	00
Castanea Grove	2	50
Centre	9	00
From the Treas. publication upon } Bethphage	8	00
I learn that Marion Ch. contributed.	10	00
Rocky River Sabbath	10	55
H. B. of Statesville	10	00
Rev. R. Z. J.	5	00
Aggregate	315	10

Had the 59 churches which have made no

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Report on Hor. Miss.

report to this cause contributed in proportion to the amount contributed by those which have reported, the aggregate from the churches of this Presbytery, aside from individual donations, would have been $1316.88, which sum is about one fair proportion of the amount of funds-$2000.00- required by the Assembly's Committee, for carrying on this work for the present year.

While therefore the few churches which have reported have done well- as much as could have been expected, under the circumstances- the great majority of our churches have done nothing- a fact demanding the attention of Presbytery, in view of the earnest appeal of the Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions, which I hereby bring to the notice of the Presbytery

Respectfully Submitted.
(Signed) R Z. Johnston
Aug. 30th 1867 Agt. for For. Miss.

Mr. Rankin appears

The Rev. J. Rankin, having appeared in Presbytery gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr. E. Harper appears

James Harper, Ruling Elder from the Leicester Church, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat

Treas. of H. Miss. pro tem

A. R. C. J. Johnston, was appointed Treasurer pro tem. of Foreign Missions in the absence of the Rev. R. J. Johnston Dom. Ruling Elder Wm. Murdoch was appoint-

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Treas. pro tem. D. Miss.

cel Treasurer of Domestic Missions pro tem. in the place of D. A. Davis Esqr. absent.

Call for Dr. Shaw

A call was read from Caldwell church for the pastoral services of the Rev J. C. Shaw D.D. for one half of his time, promising him Two hundred and fifty dollars, payable semi-annually, in the currency of the country, and on motion, placed in his hands.

Order changed.

On motion the Standing order for to-morrow 11 o'clock A. M. was changed to 10 o'clock A. M. It was made the order of the day for to-morrow 11 o'clock to hear the Sermon on Baptism.

Supplies Report.

Members of Presbytery appointed to supply vacant churches were called upon to report, when it appeared that, in the main, these appointments had been fulfilled.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at 3 o'clock P. M.

After Recess, 3, P. M.

The Presbytery met and took up the order of the day.

Statistical reports to

Statistical Reports, and Reports on the discharge of duty by Ministers and Sessions, on catechising, etc, were presented from Mallard Creek, Rocky River, Steele Creek, Hendersonville, Concord, Fourth Creek, Marion, Siloam, Davidsons River, Mills River, Lincolnton, Little Britain, Caldwell, New Hope, Morganton Salisbury, Poplar Tent, Prospect, Back Creek

Providence, Shadrach, Franklin (Rowan) Franklin, (Macon) Philadelphia, Swannanoa, Asheville Olney, and Ebenezer.

Com. on adding families of Presbyt. Ministers

A resolution with reference to aiding the family of the Rev. W. S. Moore, dec, together with the whole subject of aid for the families of dec. Ministers, was referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Walter W. Chan, Rev. D. C. Davis, Rev. Jacob Flood, and Ruling Elders James Harper & E. Nye Hutchison.

Report on division of Presbytery

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of taking steps to divide the Presbytery presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted, viz.

The Committee appointed at the last Presbytery to consider the propriety of taking measures to have the Presbytery divided would respectfully report, that they have had the whole subject under attentive and prayerful consideration for months, and they are unanimous in the opinion that the division of said Presbytery at this time would not be contributive to the welfare of the church.

By order of the Committee

(Signed) Robt Hett Chapman, Chm.

Ministers present were called upon to report as to the discharge of duty in regard

to family visitation, and the catechetical instruction of children.

Treas. Pub. pro tem.

James M. Hutchinson was appointed Treas. pro tem. of Publication, in the absence of Rev. J. D. Parks.

Presbytery took a recess until 7½ o'clock P. M.

After recess 7½ o'clock.

J. D. Hall & dissolution. Postponed.

The Presbytery met. At the request of the Rev. J. D. Hall, the Presbytery postponed action on his petition for a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the church of Goshen, for six months.

R. Burwell continued.

The Rev. R. Burwell, appointed to correspond with unemployed ministers, under the injunction of the last General Assembly, not being present, was continued, and directed to report at the next meeting of Presbytery.

R. A. Davis accepts call.

The Rev. R. A. Davis accepted the call from the Lincolnton Church, placed in his hands at the last meeting; and a committee, consisting of Rev. D. A. Davis and R. E. J. M. Hutchinson, was appointed to make arrangements for his installation.

J. Douglass installed.

The committee appointed to install the Rev. John Douglass over the churches of Steele Creek and Pleasant Hill reported that they had performed the duty at the place and time specified, i. e. Steele Creek, July 6th 1867.

The Rev. J. Rumple was appointed chairman of

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Com. to superintend publication Dr. Millers Sermon.

the committee to superintend the publication of the Rev. Dr. Millers Sermon on the Government of the church, and Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson was substituted in the place of Rev. Walter W. Pharr.

P.M. Hutchinson. Body Trustees.

On motion, James M. Hutchinson Esqr, was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College in the class of 1869—71.

S. Supplies & Pas. Rels.

Stated Supplies of two years standing and churches served by them, were called upon to show reasons why the pastoral relation had not been constituted.

Sketches of W. S. Pharr & S. Frontis.

The Rev. D. F. Branick Sen. from the committee appointed for that purpose, read a biographical sketch of the Rev. Walter Smiley Pharr which was received, and ordered to be recorded in the Sketch Book of the Presbytery, a copy sent to the family of the deceased, and a copy to the N. C. Presbyterian for publication.

The Rev. E. H. Rockwell, from the committee appointed for that purpose, read a biographical sketch of the Rev. Stephen Frontis which was received, and ordered to be recorded in the Sketch Book of the Presbytery, a copy furnished to the family of the Deceased, and a copy to the N. C. Presbyterian, and to the S. P. Reviews for publication.

Drusilla

The following report pertaining to Drusilla Church was presented, and accepted, and the committee discharged. viz.

To the Moderator of Concord Presbytery.

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Report on Drusilla.

I have two appointments at Drusilla, to carry out the wishes of the Presbytery in completing the organization of the church, by superintending the election of an elder, but have not been able to accomplish the work. The inclemency of the weather prevented the meeting of the congregation at the first appointment, and the rain was not clear for the election of an Elder at the second.

Mr. Howard, the elder of the Morganton church, who lives in the bounds of Drusilla, and who was expected to receive and accept the appointment of elder then, had obtained his certificate from Morganton, but was not disposed to accept the appointment of elder then. He thought there was no prospect of building up a church then, and that the members of that church had better be attached to other churches. He was living but eight miles from Little Britain, and proposed joining that church. His son also, who lives ten miles from Little Britain expressed his intention of going there. Nearly half of the members of Drusilla church are living out of the bounds of the congregation, so that there are but few members of the church living in the bounds of the congregation. Some of these would feel very much aggrieved, should the church be dissolved. But none of them could see much prospect of building up a church there. They are nearer to Marionthan to any other church, and if Drusilla be dis-

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selected, they should be transferred to Marion. They are, however, too remote to attend upon which there, especially as both the road, and the facility for travelling are bad. Two of them are old ladies, on the borders of 70, and will never be able to go to Marion to church.

I myself can see no prospect of building up a Presbyterian Church at Brevilla, without a greater amount of labor than I can give them.

If a suitable Minister were living there, and could build up a flourishing school there, the prospect of building up a Presbyterian Church would not be so bad. But even then it would not be favorable; the ground is so fully occupied by the Methodists and Baptists. But if the Church be disfavored, I think the Presbytery should consider that as my Mission Field, and allow me to preach there on the fifth Sabbaths as heretofore.

And, perhaps also Rev. Shotwell could sometimes give them a 5th Sabbath, as he will have some members there.

April 1867 (Signed) Thomas. V. Paxton.

Report on cases of Carson & Stewart

The Judicial Committee, made the following report in the case of the Presbytery versus Rev. L. L. Stewart, and Rev. J. C. Carson, which was received and adopted, viz.

The Judicial Committee report the ref-

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Report of Jud. Com. in cases of Carson & Stewart

erence to them of the papers connected with the cases of the Rev'd L. L. Stewart, and Rev'd J. C. Carson, respectively— Said papers show that these persons respectively had been duly cited twice to appear before the Presbytery, and to answer charges tabled against them respectively— Said papers show further, that these persons, having respectively disregarded the said citations, were at the last Spring Sessions of Presbytery respectively suspended from the functions of the Ministry for contumacy (vide Min. p 327.) It further appears that at said Spring Session at Rocky River Church, additional citations were in each instance ordered, requiring them respectively to appear before the Presbytery at this time, and answer. The Judicial Committee have clear proof of the due service in each instance of these third citations. John C. Carson and Leander L. Stewart, having failed, each in his own case to obey this 3rd and last citation of the Presbytery, the Judicial Committee recommend that they be, severally and respectively, solemnly deposed from the sacred office as contumacious according to the Book of Discipline, Chap. V sec. 11.

Carson & L. L. Stewart deposed.

The Presbytery proceeded to select the place and time of the next semi-annual meeting, which resulted in the

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Next Session Meet. Back Ch. Th. bef. 2nd Sab. Ap. 1868

choice of Back Creek Church, Yowan Co. as the place, and Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in April 1868, 11 o'clock A. M. as the time.

Book of Ch. Or.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures recommended that it be the order of the day for to-morrow 3 o'clock P. M. to consider the Book of Church Order, and their recommendation was adopted.

Order of day

It was made the second order of the day for to morrow, morning to elect Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Com. Ed. By-laws.

On motion the Committee of Education was empowered to make a code of by laws for its own guidance.

The installation of the Rev. H. H. Banks was fixed for Sabbath afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Mr. Phair accepts call.

The Rev. S. C. Phair D. D. accepted the call from the Church of Caldwell, and he and R. E. W. A. Cathey were appointed a Committee to arrange for his installation.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer

Saturday Morning, Aug. 31st 67

The Presbytery met, and spent the first half hour in devotional exercises. The Roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday

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were read and approved.

Leave of Absence

Leave of absence, after to day, was granted to Rev. Jacob Hood, and R. E. Co. Curtis Sanders and G. N. Rush.

The committee appointed to report on the subject of providing help for families of deceased ministers, presented a report, which was amended, and adopted, and is as follows, ✓

Report on Relief of indigent families.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of making provision for the destitute families of our deceased Ministers, would report, that this is a subject that demands the serious and prayerful consideration of our Presbytery and the whole church. It is clearly enjoined in the Bible as our duty to bear each others burdens, and help each other forth, and thus fulfil that great law of love by which all Christians should be governed. It is in our judgment, the duty of every Christian denomination to provide for its own poor, who, according to the teachings of the Scriptures are to be always with us. Some permanent arrangements should be made by every branch of the church, by which they may make the widows heart to rejoice, and make the blessing of them that are ready to perish to come upon them.

Therefore, Resolved 1st. That this object be commended to our people as worthy of

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their fervent prayers, and liberal contributions— and that an annual contribution be made by all our churches, for the benefit of disabled and superannuated ministers, together with the destitute families of deceased ministers

Resolved 2nd That the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions be directed to receive and disburse these funds; of which they shall make an annual report to Presbytery. (Signed)

Walter W. Pharr, Clk.

Rep. on Sys. Ben.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence presented their report, which was received, amended, and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence would report, that they find at this meeting of Presbytery contributions from 29 Churches— less than one half of the whole Number. The amount contributed to the different objects, is as follows.

To the cause of	Foreign Missions	$348.90
" "	Domestic Missions	487.43
" "	Education	224.66
" "	Publication	117.30
" "	Sustentation	200.73
" "	Bible	18.00
"	Whole Amount.	1397.82

This, on the average, is about $50.00 to each church.

Rep. on Sys. Ben.

A large number of Churches, no doubt, have taken up contributions, which have failed to report at this meeting, so that this report will not give us a fair showing.

The smallness of the whole Amount arises from the impoverished state of the country. Most of our people find it difficult to meet their ordinary expenses, and pay taxes. Some have given more to one cause, and some to another, and we think that in our present circumstances, Domestic Missions, Sustentation, and Education claim the first place in our plans for advancing the kingdom of Christ, and the improvement of society.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Com. E. H. Rockwell, S. C. Pharr

Com. Rev. Mr. Kennedy

The Rev. H. S. Kennedy, of the Methodist Episcopal Church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the report of the Agent of Publication was read and accepted. The following is said report.

Rep. on Pub.

To the Presbytery of Concord, in Session at Asheville, N.C. August 29th 1867.

Report on Publication.

Your Agent and Corresponding Member for Publication, would respectfully report.

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That but little has been done for this important cause, since the termination of the war. Nothing [illegible] was received from any source in 1865. From 1865 up to this present meeting of Presbytery, there came into my hands $275.60.

At this meeting $ have been received making in all $

This sum has been contributed by the following named churches and individuals, viz. During 1866 from Unity (Lincoln) $14. Salisbury $29.50, Bethphage $2.50, Centre $3.50, Bostanea Grove $8.00, Rocky River $13.00. Providence $3.45. Sharon $5.55. Lenoir $20.15. Marion $5.00, Rev. D. F. Caston $3.00, Siloam $2.00.

During 1866. From Third Creek $10.05, Asheville 10.00, Swannanoa 2.85 Centre 7.25. Bethphage 8.35 Steele Creek $16.00 Pleasant Hill 4.00, Lenoir 10.00 Prospect 3.00, Back Creek 4.00, Rocky River 33.00 South Creek 12.75, Unity, Lin. 4.00, Bostanea Grove 2.00, Poplar Tent 19. Morganton 7.00, J. D. Carson

From this statement it will be seen that only 11 of our churches gave anything to this important object in 1866 and that have contributed during the year 1867.

We would inquire, why this failure on the part of so many of our churches. Is the fault in the Churches, or in the Ministers & Sessions. If fear the fault lies with those whom God has set to rule in his house, from

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the fact that nothing at all has been sent up from these churches. Now, if an opportunity had been given, and the claims of this object presented, something, however small, would have been sent up from the poorest congregation. We would affectionately ask those who have neglected this matter, if they have forgotten that giving to honor God, is an act of worship — that liberality is a grace which is increased by giving! We would further ask if they have justifiable excuses for withholding from their congregations an opportunity to perform these acts of worship, by which God is honored and their graces are increased! Surely if they would rightly consider these things, and reflect upon the importance of supplying our people with sound religious reading, they would no longer neglect such a solemn duty.

✓ After my appointment last Spring to act as a corresponding member of the Assembly's Committee at Richmond, I went to work to secure depositories of books at such points as would bring them in reach of our people. But I was disappointed by learning that the Committee did not put out their books in depositories. They will sell to Book sellers, but I have been able to find but one firm (Tiddy and Son, of Charlotte) that was willing or able to buy the books.

When I first entered upon the work as a

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"Corresponding Member", I wrote to the Committee at Richmond for instructions, as to the way in which I was expected to perform the duties assigned me. But I received no reply until a week or two since, in the form of a circular, giving the desired information. But better late than never, and by the help of God, I shall do what I can to advance this cause in our bounds.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed). G. D. Parks. M.G.C.

Aud. Com.

The Rev. Alex. Sinclair and Ruling Elder B. A. King were appointed to audit the Accounts of the Agent of Publication.

Com. to Gen. Ass. at Nashville

The Presbytery then proceeded to elect Commissioners to the next General Assembly, which resulted in the choice of the following, viz.

Rev. J. Rumple, with Rev. A. G. Miller D.D. Alternate
Rev. J. D. Wilson, with Rev. R. H. Chapman D.D. Alternate
Ruling Elder D. A. Summey, with Col. J. A. Allison Alternate.
Ruling Elder J. M. Hutchinson with Col. J. S. Rankin Alternate

Rep. on For. Miss.

The Committee to whom were referred the papers on the subject of Foreign Missions, presented their report, which was received, amended, and adopted. It is as follows, viz.

The Committee to which were referred the report of the Presbytery's Agent of Foreign

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Report on For. Miss.

Missions, and the Circular on Foreign Missions of the Secretary of the General Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions, respectfully report,

That we have given the subject referred to us such consideration as our limited time would admit.

We are not able to state the precise number of churches that have contributed to the Foreign Missionary Cause, nor the amount contributed. Whilst we are led to believe, however, that the churches contributing, and the amounts received by the Agent of Presbytery, and the Treasurer at Columbia combined (are) considerably greater than that reported to us; yet it is sadly true that a very large proportion of our churches have contributed nothing for this cause. Some, we fear for the want of an opportunity to do so - others under the impression that such funds were not needed. Therefore be it

1 Resolved by Presbytery that the Foreign Missionary cause is one of very great importance, and claims very special attention at the present time.

2 Resolved that all our Office bearers in the church be, and they are hereby, urged to keep the people of their charges fully posted on the state and claims of Foreign Missions, as conducted by our Committee,

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Resolved especially, that those of our Ministers, who have failed to present this cause to their people within the last twelve months, be solemnly enjoined to preach a sermon to them on this subject, seek liberal contributions in its behalf, and report the same at their earliest convenience. And that vacant Churches which have not to date this collection be required to do so at their earliest convenience.

4 Resolved also that this Presbytery will hold all its members to a strict responsibility for their failure to present the benevolent claims of the church to their people even to the extent of censuring them, when they have no manifest & good reason for such failure.

(Signed) Dan. A. Penick St. Chr.

Res. to procure blanks

Resolved that a committee be appointed to prepare and cause to be printed 500 copies of a blank form for the annual report to of the Sessions on the condition of the church, and the discharge of the duties of Ruling Elders and Deacons. Also to procure 500 corresponding blank forms for Statistical Reports.

The committee appointed under the above resolution is composed of Rev. Messrs. J. Hall, G. D. Parks, and R. A. Davis Esq.

Recess. Sermon on Baptism

The Presbytery took a recess of five minutes previously to hearing the sermon on Baptism preached by Order of Presbytery, by the Rev. D. A.

J. H. M. Caldwell rel. &c.

J. E. Eagleton dismissed

Long Cr. call changed.

Rest. of Dr. Thos.

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Penick. pres.

After five minutes Recess the Presbytery met and heard the above named sermon.

After Sermon, Presbytery took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

The time for recess having elapsed the Presbytery met. A letter was read from the Rev. J. H. M. Caldwell, containing a satisfactory excuse for absence from the present Sessions.

At his own request a letter of dismission from this, to the Presbytery of Ouachita, Ark. was granted to the Rev. J. E. Eagleton, and permission given to him, to labor in our bounds until his removal.

A request was presented from the Long Creek church, that the terms of the call for the services of the Rev. R. A. Davis be changed from one half to one fourth of his time, with a salary of $150.00 per annum. The request was granted.

The committee appointed to arrange for the installation of the Rev. S. B. Thaxton D.D. presented the following report, which was adopted.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of the Rev. S. B. Thaxton, D.D. report that they recommend the Saturday before the fifth Sabbath of September as the time, that the Rev. R. A. Davis preach

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the installation sermon, the Rev. R. Burwell presides and proposes the constitutional questions - the Rev. G. D. Parks charge the Pastor, and the Rev. A. McDonald charge the people.

Aug. 31st 1867. (Signed) J. C. Pharr, W. A. Lathey, Com.

Supplies

The committee of Domestic Missions, nominated the following supplies, which were appointed by the Presbytery, viz.

That the Rev. Messrs. R. Burwell, and G. W. McPhail, D. D. spend each a Sabbath at Hopewell.

Rev. Messrs. Walter W. Pharr, J. C. Pharr D.D. Wm. W. Pharr, each one Sabbath at Tabor.

Rev. E. H. Rockwell, one Sabbath at Dallas.

Rev. Messrs. R. N. Davis, and W. A. Wood, one Sabbath at Newton.

Rev. Messrs. J. S. Barr, and R. N. Davis each one Sabbath at Machpelah

Rev. D. A. Penick jun. one week in Wadesboro

Rev. W. McDonald, and Rev. R. Z. Johnston each one week in Union County.

Rev. Jno. Douglass two days in destitute portions of Mecklenburg.

Rev. Messrs. J. M. McCaldwell & E. H. Harding each one Sabbath in Salisbury.

Rev. W. B. Watts one week at Quaker Meadows

Rev. J. Rumple one day at Mocksville.

Rev. J. C. Davis one week at East Bend.

Clerk of Presbytery

Treas. of Pub.

Leave of Absence

Rules of Par. Order adopted.

Graves & Chapman to be paid.

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All others spend one day at discretion, and report at the next meeting of Presbytery. Ministers supplying churches are enjoined to present the cause of Domestic Missions.

(Signed) Walter W. Pharr, Ch. C. P. C.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Publication reported that they had performed the duty required, and that they find his accounts correct in every particular, and certified by the proper vouchers. The report was accepted and adopted.

Leave of absence after to-days sessions was granted to the Rev. Mr. Penick, and Ruling Elder, J. C. Pharr.

The time having arrived for the consideration of the Book of Church Order, the Rules of Parliamentary Order were read, and on Motion, unanimously adopted.

The Presbytery took recess until half past seven o'clock, to night.

After recess, Presbytery met. The further consideration of the Book of Church Order was postponed until Monday morning, 9½ o'clock.

The Treasurer of Domestic Missions was directed to pay $150.00 to the Rev. Mr. Graves, and $275.00 to the Rev. R. H. Chapman D. D. due them respectively for services under

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ed as Missionaries, prior to the Spring Meeting of Presbytery 1867.

Ramah Ch. com. app.

A communication was read from the Session of Ramah Church, representing difficulties as existing in said Church. On motion a committee consisting of the Rev. E. H. Rockwell, Rev. J. Wilson & McNeil, S.S. Rev. J. Rumple, and Ruling Elders, Mr. Murdock and D. Stanhope Caldwell were commissioned to visit Ramah church, and endeavor to reconcile those difficulties

Ev. to visit other churches

The Evangelist was instructed to visit other churches in which dissafection is supposed to exist, and endeavor to heal it, and report to Presbytery.

Leave of absence was granted to Ruling Elder J. B. Kerns, after to-night's session.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Monday Morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock A. M.

The Presbytery met and spent a half hour in devotional exercises. The Roll was called and the minutes of Saturday read, corrected and approved. A letter from the Rev. J. D. Hall presenting satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting, was read.

Hall excused.

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Com. on Bills & Ov. to prepare answer to Assembly

On motion the Committee of Bills and Overtures was directed to prepare a minute of the action of this Presbytery on the Book of Church Order, in answer to the overture of the General Assembly.

The Presbytery then proceeded to consider the Form of Government, section by section.

Chapter I Paragraphs I, II, III, were approved.

A recess was then taken till 3 P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

After recess the Presbytery met. The Rev. E. H. Rockwell, the Rev. R. H. Chapman D. D. and Ruling Elder W. S. Lathey were appointed a Committee to examine Mr. Stoleny P. Maxwell respecting his experimental acquaintance with Religion and the motives which influence him to desire the sacred office; inasmuch as owing to sickness he is unable to appear personally before Presbytery.

Exam. Gen. examined

Com. to examine Candidate

The Committee appointed to arrange for the installation of the Rev. R. N. Davison the church of Lincolnton, recommended that said installation take place on the second Sabbath of October, proximo; that the Rev. D. J. Pomick sen. preside, and charge the Pastor, that the Rev. R. Burwell preach the sermon and charge the people; that the

Install R. N. Davis

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Rev. G. D. Parks be alternate to Rev. D. A. Penick Sen. and Rev. W. H. Wood alternate, to Rev. R. Burwell.

The consideration of the Form of Government was resumed.

Chapter I paragraph IV was rejected. Par. V was approved after striking out "presbyters of the two classes", and inserting "ministers and ruling elders."

Par. VI was amended by adding the words, "extraordinarily by its representative", and approved as amended.

Par. VII was approved.

Chap. II Sec. I. paragraphs I, II, III, IV were approved.

Chap. II. Sec. II. par.s I, II, III, were approved.

Chap. II. Sec. III. par.s I, II, III, IV. were approved.

Chap. II. Sec. IV. par.s I, II, III, IV. V. VI, were approved.

Chap. III. par.s I, II, III, were approved.

Chap. IV. Sec. I. par. I. was approved; par. II was amended by inserting "Ministers of the gospel, or" before teaching elders, and by striking out the last clause- "He that is called &c." and approved as amended. Par. III was approved.

Chap. IV. Sec. II. par.s I, II, III, were approved. Par. IV, was approved after striking out the word "elector." Par. V was approved. Par. VI was rejected. Par. VII was amended by striking out "presbyters" and inserting "ruling elders," and approved.

Chap. IV. Sec. III. par.s I, II, III, IV, were approved.

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Chap. IV. Sec. IV. par.s I, II, III, were approved.

Recess was taken until ½ o'clock P. M.

½ o'clock P. M.

After recess the Presbytery met. The Rev. R. V. Davis from the committee to prepare a Narrative on the State of Religion to the Synod of North Carolina presented the following, which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod.

Narrative to Synod.

Narrative to Synod. ✓

The Presbytery of Concord, in presenting a Narrative to the Synod of North Carolina, report, that during the past year the ordinances of Gods Word have been regularly administered, and that in a good degree they have received the approbation of the Great Head of the Church. The gospel has been faithfully proclaimed, the people of God edified, and some sinners, we trust, have been converted.

In a large number of our churches, prayer meetings have been held, catechising has been attended to, and the monthly concert duly observed. Some of the objects of Christian benevolence have received a commendable share of attention. But it is greatly to be regretted that the express precepts of the Scriptures, and the examples of primitive Christians, have not been properly appreciated. It is with great pleasure that we are able to report a growing interest in the instruction

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of children and youth. Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes have been multiplied, and in this sphere of Christian enterprise much of the stead capital of the Church has been profitably invested.

While the Sabbath is not scripturally remembered, nor the Lords day properly sanctified, still we have reason to hope that our people are more inclined to esteem this holy day, "honorable, and a delight."

With very few exceptions, our churches have rest— Peace and harmony prevail in our borders. But whilst a large majority of our congregations have enjoyed the regular ministrations of the Gospel, it must be confessed that the "ways of Zion mourn," that there is among too many a spirit of conformity to the world, and an indifference to the claims of God and His Church which greatly retard the progress of "the truth, as it is in Jesus" "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy." "Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days, as of old."

(Signed) R. T. Davis
Thos. T. Taylor
R. H. Morrison

The Rev. A. C. Millen D. D. presented the report

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of the Committee on the Narrative to the General Assembly, which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. It is as follows.

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Narrative to the General Assembly.

The means of ascertaining, with any definite precision, the extent and degree of living, growing, practical godliness in our Churches, are necessarily not such as we would desire. Reports on the State of religion have been had but from a limited number of our congregations; and these reports, when furnished, supply, as every one knows, a very imperfect knowledge of that which we are seeking after. They give us some information, in relation to the frequency, and faithfulness with which our Ministers preach, and the punctuality and interest with which our people hear, ~~the number~~, the number of Sabbath School and Bible Class pupils; the attention given to Prayer Meetings, the contributions to the support of the Gospel at home, and to the various benevolent enterprises of the Church. And now, if the manifestation of a good degree of interest and zeal in these things could not be dissociated from a life of communion with God— from a supreme love to Him, Who loved us and gave Himself for us— if, in other words, the form of god-

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lness could not subsist in a state of separation from the power thereof — if hearing the word gladly, and doing many things, and walking so as not only to escape the censures of the Church, but so as to enjoy the high commendation from both the Church and the world, were wholly incompatible with a state of alienation from God, and supreme love of the world, then would our work be an easy one. But how often are, not only apparent interest in, but even zeal for, the Church of God, and her institutions, and a walk and conversation accounted praiseworthy, found in those who would "go away sorrowful and very heavy" if required to part with all they possessed for Christ!

Here then is the difficulty by which we are met, in attempting to arrive at the State of religion among us, not in its form only, but in its power.

It is from the external conduct alone that our judgment is formed. Were it our prerogative to read the heart, we would stand related to this matter widely different from our present position. In full view of our liability to deception, must we proceed, while attempting from attention to the means of grace and the performance of Christian duty, to ascertain what of heart-felt, practical piety exists within our Churches.

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There seems to be no general neglect of the various means of grace, on the part of our people; and yet their inefficiency furnishes us matter for lamentation, and ground for deep searchings of heart, to ascertain, if possible, the hindering cause or causes, to the blessing. Why have we not more instances of the saving power of the Holy Ghost accompanying the use of these means? Are they not adapted to the end to be accomplished, or has God forsaken his own institutions? No. No. The difficulty lies not in the want of adaptedness, nor in God's unwillingness to bless, but in ourselves.

We do not wait upon God with that definiteness of object in view, with that zeal and earnestness, nor with that felt sense of dependence, and earnest cries for help, which should characterize all our approaches to Him.

When it is not forgotten, what a promoter of vice, in all its forms, is War, that its moral evils are its great, its chief evils; and when it is remembered that this desolating scourge so lately rolled over us its fearful waves, we should expect intemperance, Sabbath breaking, profanity, and other kinds of vices to be exerting their influence upon the Church of God. And as a natural and necessary conse-

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quence, we are to anticipate want of attention to religion, and a want of interest in the means of grace, just in proportion to the measure of the prevalence of these vices among us.

While we cannot say that we have ground for unusual discouragement, in as far as attention to the public means of grace is concerned, our reports maintain a silence that is both painful and ominous with respect to religion in the family. Could we but see into the recesses of the homes of our people, and count the closets, in which the old and the young, the fathers and mothers of our Communion, and their children, wrestle with God "at morning and evening and at noon" for the blessing, kneeling with the head uncovered, and the knee bent, their daily language is, "O Father, we cannot, we will not let Thee go until Thou bless us"- could we hear the fathers and mothers of our New Testament Zion, pleading, not only with God, but with their children, saying, "Come, our children, hearken and we will teach you the fear of the Lord"- could we see them, with tears, pressing upon the children of the Covenant, the claims of a risen Saviour, and the claims of his Church- and in the family, when as neighbors our people meet, could we hear them speak often one

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to another of the things of God, and with Zion's songs upon their lips, whilst "exhorting one another daily, while it is called to day," could we see them with the world under their feet, the love of God shed abroad in their hearts, pursuing their heavenward course, then could we tell you far more with certainty, of the state of religion among us, and then could we confidently expect soon to know that the "Lord had hearkened and heard, and that a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon his name." "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts in that day when I make up my jewels, and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him," we would as confidently expect to be added. ✓

We have, for some time been fearing that the Pulpit and the Sabbath School may be taking the place of parental instruction by the fireside. We are sorry not to be able to say more in relation to the great departments of Christian labor, constituting "the church in the house," family instruction, family worship, family government, which are under God, the hope of both the church and the world.

And most gladly will we confess to our misapprehension, if the tendency of the age is not to make Sabbath Schools and other modes

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of public instruction the occasion,- innocent, it may be- of a transfer to them of parental obligation and home training. And alas for the Church, and the Cause of Christ in the world, on the day that such an event is realized!

It was Baxter, who said, that the conversion of children though any of the public means of grace, would be comparatively of rare occurrence, were parents only faithful in the family. Now we do greatly fear that family catechizing, family worship, family restraint from the sinful, fashionable amusements and pleasures of the day, and the good, old-fashioned Presbyterian observance of the Holy Sabbath, are not receiving the attention, absolutely requisite, in order to that state of heart-felt piety among us, we would so gladly accord. If mistaken in this thing, most heartily will we rejoice to know it.

Whilst touching systematic contributions to the great cause of Christ, many of our people deserve commendation; there are surely very many others whom in this thing, we cannot praise. On two points we think much instruction is needed, viz.

(1) That an acceptable consecration of our persons to Christ, brings with it the most hearty consecration of all we possess.

(2). And second, that as a necessary consequence

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we are not proprietors, but Stewards only. Ever year is the Church too generally gave by cents to His cause, "Who though He was rich, for our sakes became poor;" and provoked to wrath by our shameful worship of Mammon, He stretched forth His hand and took from us by thousands and millions.

And are we not again provoking Him to send leanness to our souls, and to again despoil us of what little we have left? O when will the church learn that to be "rich towards God" is the way to be rich in spiritual, as well as in temporal blessings!

In conclusion, while we have so much to mourn over, while we can record no remarkable outpouring of the Spirit upon our churches, and while conformity to the world too much characterizes our Christianity, let us bless our God, that in the midst of our manifold provocations, He has not wholly forsaken us- that still we have tokens that our King is in our midst- that still He has a seed to serve Him, and a generation to give Him praise in Concord Presbytery: and while with diligence and zeal, and earnestness and in the exercise of faith, we use every means of divine appointment for the life and growth of vital godliness in the soul, let the petitions go up daily from every heart, in every closet, and from every family alta

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and Sabbath Schools and Prayer Meeting, and from every assembled congregation throughout the whole length and breadth of our Presbytery; "Turn us, O God of our Salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease. Wilt thou be angry with us forever? will thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy Salvation"

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) T. C. Hillen, }
G. E. Eagleton, } Com.

C. P. Maxwell received as a Cand.

The Rev. E. H. Rockwell, and W. A. Gathy V. E. from the committee appointed to examine Mr. C. P. Maxwell on experimental religion and his motives for seeking the sacred office reported that they had discharged the duty, that the examination was satisfactory, and recommended that he be received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the Holy Ministry. The recommendation was adopted, and Mr. Maxwell was recommended to the Committee of Education

Book of Ch. Order

The Consideration of the Book of Church order was resumed.

Chap. IV Sec. IV. par. IV was amended by striking out 'tables', and substituting "Temporal affairs of the church". Also by striking out "Table of the Lord, providing &c", and approved

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as amended.

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Chap. IV. Sec. IV. par. V, VI, VII, VIII, IX were approved.

Chap. V. Sec. I. par. I was amended by striking out the last clause, "which are all &c", and approved as amended.

Chap. V. Sec. I. par. II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, were approved.

Chap. V. Sec. II. par. I, II, were approved, par. III, was stricken out; par. IV was approved.

Chap. V. Sec III. par. I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, were approved.

Chap V. Sec. IV par. I, II, were approved; par. III, was amended by inserting the words, "not known to the Presbytery" between the words "elder" and "shall", and approved as amended. Paragraphs IV, V, VI, were approved; par. VII was amended by striking out the word "elders" and approved. Paragraphs VIII, IX, X, XI, XII were approved.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday morning 9 o'clock
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The Presbytery met, and spent a half hour in devotional exercises

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday, read, corrected and approved.

Treas. Accounts.

The Treasurer of Presbytery presented his accounts, and Ruling Elders E. J. Erwin, &

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	J. M. Hutchinson, Esq, were appointed a Committee to audit them.
Treas. pay Banks & Hutchison	On Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay out of funds in his hands, to Rev. H. H. Banks, and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Commissioners to the last Gen. Assembly, the amount of their expenses in attending upon its Sessions.
Treas pay $25. to Gen. Assembly Com. fund	On Motion the Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay into the Treasury of the General Assembly's Commissioners' Fund, the sum of $25.00, in compliance with the recommendation, on 34th page, Gen. Assembly's Minutes for 1866.
Aud. Com. report re Pres Treas	The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery, reported that they had discharged the duty, and that the Treasurer has on hand $246.33/100. Their report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.
Resolution Bk. Ch. Gov.	The following resolutions were presented, and adopted, viz. Resolved, that this Presbytery cannot, at this time, adopt the Form of government, and Canons of Discipline, in their present form.
Remove Newborn	Resolved that when this Presbytery adjourn it adjourn to meet at the Church of Newbern, during the Sessions of the Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

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Evan. & Dunsilla	Resolved that the Evangelist be empowered to complete the organization of Dunsilla Church.
Jud. Com. disch.	The Judicial Committee presented the following report which was accepted, and the Committee discharged, viz. The Judicial Committee report that no other papers and no other business, than that of the Stewart and Carson cases, have been placed in their hands, and respectfully ask to be discharged. (Signed) Rob. Hall Chairman Ch.
Vote of thanks	The following vote of thanks was adopted; Resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery be returned to the citizens of Asheville, and proprietors of the Hotel, for their great hospitality and acts of kindness extended to the Members of this Presbytery on this occasion; also the the Rail Roads for facilities of travel; and to the Minister and Members of the M. E. Church for the Christian courtesy extended to us, in tendering the use of their Church, during the Sessions of Presbytery; that the pastor of this church, and Minister of the M. E. Church be requested to read this resolution to their respective congregations.
Res. on Educ.	The following resolution was adopted viz. Whereas this Presbytery has under its care Three Candidates for the Holy Ministry, and is

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bound to defray their expenses; and whereas our funds for educational purposes are all expended, it is therefore ordered that the Ministers and elders of all our Churches be enjoined to bring this subject before their people at an early day, and take up a collection to supply the wants of our Treasury.

Recess was then taken for 1/2 hour.

After Recess.

Report on Book of Church Order

The Presbytery met. The Committee of Bills and Overtures presented their report, on the Book of Church Order, in answer to the action of the General Assembly, which was adopted, and ordered to be signed, and forwarded to the General Assembly. The Report is as follows.

Concord Presbytery would respectfully report to the General Assembly, that upon the consideration of the "Book of Church order," the "Rules of Parliamentary Order" were unanimously adopted by the Presbytery.

In regard to the "Form of Government" the Presbytery were disposed to postpone the consideration of it, on the ground that many of the Members - a great majority of the Ruling Elders and many of the Ministers, had not seen the "Book of Church Or-

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der;" but yielded to the wishes of the minority, and proceeded to the consideration of it, when the following exceptions were taken to the "Form of Government;"

Chap. I. paragraph IV was stricken out.

Chap. I, par. V. was amended by striking out "presbyters of the two classes;" and substituting "Ministers and ruling elders"

Chap. I par. VI was amended by adding these words, "extraordinarily by its representative."

Chap. IV, Sec. I. par. II was amended by prefixing the words, "Ministers of the Gospel or" to "teaching elders," and by striking out the last clause of the paragraph, viz. "He that is called to teach, etc".

Chap. IV. Sec. II. par. IV was amended by striking out the word "doctor."

Chap. IV. Sec. II par. VI, page 12 was stricken out.

Chap. IV, Sec. II. par. VII was amended by substituting "ruling elders" for "presbyters"

Chap. IV, Sec. IV, par. IV. was amended by adding to "ecclesiastical goods," "temporal affairs of the church," and by striking out the remainder of the sentence.

Chap. V, Sec. II, par. III, on page 18 was stricken out.

Chap. V. Sec. IV, par. III, page 22 was amended by adding to the words "every elder", these words "not known to Presbytery"

Chap. V. Sec. IV. par. VII. page 24, was amended by

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striking out "Elders and."

At this stage of the investigation it became evident that, owing to the previous lack of examination of the Book of Church Order by a majority of the Presbytery, as was stated at first, more time would be required for the proper consideration of the Book than the Presbytery at one Session could give, and also owing to the condition of the country, it was therefore resolved by the Presbytery to postpone its further consideration for the present, and to adopt the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That this Presbytery cannot, at this time adopt the "Form of Government and Canons of Discipline" in their present form.

All which is most respectfully submitted to the general Assembly.

(Signed) A. W. Miller, Chairman
Com. Bills & Overtures

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The Committee of C.S.O. having no further business, at their request, were discharged.

The Stated Clerk was directed to furnish to the N.C. Presbyterian, an Abstract of the Minutes of this Meeting, for publication.

The Evangelist made a brief statement of his labors since his appointment, which was approved.

The Minutes of to-day were read and

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and approved. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the city of Newberne, during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction.

(Signed) W. C. Wood, Mod.r
B. S. Beall } Temporary
E. Nye Hutchison } Clerks

J. Rumple,
Stated Clerk

Absentees.

At the final calling of the Roll the following members of Presbytery failed to answer to their names, to whom leave of absence had not been granted. viz. J. C. Miller D.D. J. C. Shaw, D.D. and Ruling Elders, W. A. Gaither, & T. M. Hill.

The following Ministers were absent from the Sessions, without sending a written excuse. viz. Danl. Limerick, J. C. Morrison, G. Wilson, W. Hall D.D. J. H. W. Freeman, R. B. Anderson, J. D. Parks, Wm. W. Shaw, J. D. Wilson, E. H. Harding, W. M. Kilpatrick and Wm. McDonald.

J. Rumple, Stated Clk.

Approved to page 395. Nov 1st 1867
Newbern A Currie Moderator

Presbyterial Report to the General Assembly

The Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly that they consist of 42 Ministers and have under their charge 72 Churches 3 Licentiates and 3 Candidates

Ministers &c	Post Offices		Churches		Received on Examination	Received on Certificate	Total Communicants	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized	Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes	Missionary Societies	Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions	Education	Ministerial Education	Publication	Congregational Purposes	Contingent Fund	Miscellaneous
R H Morrison D.D. S.S.	College Home	N.C.	Unity (Lincoln)	S.S.	2		46	2			37	8		5	4	10			
			Castanea Grove	S.S.	19		57	4											
Jesse Rankin S.S.	Lenoir		Lenoir	S.S.	1	3	41		1	35	10	10		50	10	5	283	11	
D A Penick Sr. P.	Pioneer Mills	"	Rocky River	P.	47	5	332	2	16		66	68			33	60	856		
Daniel Lindley F.M.	Port Natal So. Africa		Hopewell	V.	1		160		8					9			529		
Robert Burwell, Teacher	Charlotte	N.C.	Shelby	V.			9												
J. E Morrison W.E.	Morven	"	Lebanon	V.			59												
	Wadesboro		Wadesboro"	V.															
James D Hall P.	Woodlawn	"	Goshen	P.															
John Douglass P.	Whitehall	"	Steel Creek	P.	52	3	317	1	35			29	56	26	16		550	19	
			Pleasant Hill	P.			116												
Nathan Shotwell	Rutherfordton	"	Rutherfordton	P.	3		29		3								250		
			Little Britain	P.			103		9										
W.S. Morrison N.C	Asheville	"	Flat Creek	V.			25												
G.W McPhail Pres.	Davidson College	"	College	P.			36												
E.F Rockwell Prof	Davidson College	"	Bethel	S.S.	2	3	45		5	12	3					3			
R H Chapman D.D. D.M.	Hendersonville	"	Hendersonville	S.S.	5		27	1	4	30	22					10	258		
			Mills River	S.S.	4	3	39	1	25		8		4			7	13		
			Davidson River	S.S.	14		42	4	6		22					5	225		
Wm Graves	D.M.	Mills River	"	Bethel (Haywood)	S.S.														
Walter N Pharr	P	Statesville	"	Fourth Creek	P.	4	8	179		19	115	39	31	6	3	12	20	800	
J. M M Caldwell	Pres.	Statesville	"	Tabor	V.			31		1		7		7					
T. N Paxton	S.S.	Marion	"	Marion	S.S.	1	1	30		2		10	19			12		150	
				Siloam	S.S.	3	2	50		5		9	5			3	4	125	
				Drusilla	S.S			9											

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Presbyterial Report to

Ministers &c	Post Offices		Churches	
J F H Freeman N C	Charlotte	N.C.	Rhein's Creek	V.
T E Davis S.S.	Davidson College	"	Ramah	S.S.
S C Millen D.D. S.S.	Taylorsville	"	Taylorsville	S.S.
			Wilkesboro'	S.S.
R A Davis P	Lincolnton	"	Long Creek	P.
			Lincolnton	P.
S C Pharr D.D. P.	Charlotte	"	Caldwell	P.
			Mallard Creek	S.S.
Jacob Hood D.M.	Franklin N	"	Franklin (Macon)	S.S.
			Ebenezer	S.S.
			Nineveh	S.S.
			Beulah	S.S.
A W Miller D.D. P.	Charlotte	"	Charlotte	P.
B L Biall Evangelist	Charlotte	"	Salem	V.
H C Sheetz P	Morganton	"	Morganton	P.
J L Barr S.S.	Lincolnton	"	Dallas	S.S.
			Olney	S.S.
			Macpelah	S.S.
A C Eagleton in trans.	Fancy Hill	"	Concord	V.
			Shiloh	V.
A D Parks S.S.	Charlotte	"	Sugar Creek	S.S.
Alex. Sinclair N.C.	Charlotte	"	Sandy Plains	V.
J Rumple P	Salisbury	"	Salisbury	P.
			Franklinsville (Rowan)	V.
D A Penick Jr P.	Concord	"	Poplar Tent	P.

General Assembly - continued

Miscellaneous	Congregational Communion & Contingent Fund	Publications	Education	Church Extension	Foreign Mission	Domestic Missions	Children in Sabbath Schools & Bible Classes	Infant Baptized	Adults Baptized	Total Communicants	Added on Certificate	Added on Examination										
										35												
										130			6		13							
										53			2	40	6			10			5	250
																						21
									2	21	2	1			11							
									2	160		11	54		5				5	14	6		
									2	224		18	87		6			7			7	257	
									5	224		9	40		10		8	8			10	311	
									2	23	1	1			3		4	4			2	25	
										34		3			2		4	4			2	25	
										30		1										
										8												
									24	233	2	7	270				127	578	71	138	50	2500
										32		2			2							
									4	80	1	6	40		29				17	7	10	475
										10											3	20
									3	120	2	3			12		6					200
										10					6							30
									2	235	4	27	75		15		3		7	2	10	550
										46		2	40		4				5		3	150
									9	170	3	7	115		31		24	22	7	6	5	
										8												
									4	109	1	4	200		72		63		30	46	20	1635
									4	43												
									5	163	3	1	80		59		14		12	25		800

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Ministers		Post offices		Churches	
Wm H Phaw	P	Cradle Creek	N C	Bethphage	P
				Centre	P
Wm Atwood	S.S.	Salisbury	"	Third Creek	S.S.
				Unity Rowan	S.S.
J. D. Wilson	S.S.	Enola	"	Newton	S.S.
				Fifth Creek	S.S.
E N Harding	P	Concord	"	Concord Town	P
Wm B Walls	P.	Mc Ulla	"	Back Creek	P.
				Prospect	P.
R G Johnston	P.	Providence	"	Providence	P.
				Sharon	P.
Wm M Kilpatrick	intn.	St Mary's Geo.		Joppa	V.
				Jefferson	V.
R B Anderson	S.S.	Yorkville S C		Hopatcong	V.
Wm McDonald	P.	Charlotte	N C	Bethlehem	P.
				Philadelphia	P.
N H Banks	P.	Asheville	"	Asheville	P
Licentiates — 3				Swannanoa	S.S.
R N Caldwell	S.S.	Enola	"	Bethesda	S.S.
				Bethany	S.S.
J. J. Kennedy	S.S.	Dallas	"	New Hope	S.S.
J. L. Kennaday		Statesville	"	Duncan's Creek	V.

General Assembly continued

Miscellaneous	Congregational	Commissioners & Contingent Fund	Publication	Education	Sustentation	Foreign Mission	Domestic Mission	Children in Sabbath Schools Bible Classes	Infant Baptism	Adult Baptism	Total Communicants	added on certificate	Added on Examination
	276	40	10	9		8	17	50	15	1	130	1	7
75							27	60	5		150		3
	416	40					12	40	15	3	200	3	5
	200	10					8	40	10	3	90	3	4
	20										29	3	
15	350			3	2			46	12	1	73		8
150	1000					20		48	11		125		7
750	400	12	4	7			12	78	9	3	152		1
47	400	15	9	9			17	160	28	2	374	10	19
11	361	12	10	3		9	17	40	13		163		4
15	263	12	5	3		4	9	150	9	3	211	3	4
		4	15	25		8	32		2		30	1	
											5		
									9		204	1	1
	60	5					2	2	5		67		
	350	2					8	7	14	5	316		45
	375	10	10	13			62	28	4	3	84	11	12
	70			2			8	4			47		
											103		
	291					14	12		2		79	1	1
		7		14	4	4	8	4		3	132		
											34		
	1,473	1,316	424	404	335	718	549	816	2140	418	6,810	119	375

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Report on Systematic Benevolence.

Newberne. N. C.
Friday, Nov. 1st 1867.

According to adjournment the Presbytery of Concord met in the Presbyterian Church.

On motion the following report to the General Assembly on Systematic Benevolence, forwarded by the Stated Clerk, was amended and adopted, viz.

Report on Systematic Benevolence,
From Concord Presbytery
to the General Assembly.

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully report to the General Assembly, that at their meeting in April 1867, they adopted and recommended to the Churches, the Assembly's plan of taking up annual collections for the various benevolent causes, at the times specified on page 89, of the Assembly's Minutes of 1866. Some of our Churches complied strictly with the injunction, and others, it is thought, followed their former plans of taking up collections, by subscription, or otherwise, at times formerly adopted by them.

From the Statistical Reports prepared, we learn that fifty of our seventy two Churches, have contributed, either to all, or to one or more of our benevolent causes. as follows,

Viz.

Report on Systematic Benevolence.

Forty four Churches to	Domestic Missions	$778 00
Twenty four " "	Foreign Missions	$544. 55
Nineteen " "	Sustentation.	$718. 00
Twenty two " "	Education.	$ 268. 00
Twenty two " "	Publication.	$ 495. 00
Twelve to	Miscellaneous objects.	$1473. 00
Making a total of		$4278. 55

Dividing this sum total between fifty contributing churches will yield an average of $85.56 to each.

Or throwing out of the account the Miscellaneous $1473.00 - some of which may relate to Congregational concerns - and dividing the remaining $2805.55 by 50, we will obtain an average of $56.11. to each contributing Church.

In addition to these strictly benevolent contributions, the following payments are mentioned, viz.

Thirty two Churches to	Comm's & Cont. Stand	$114.00
Forty one " "	Congregational purposes	$1650.00
This added to the former sum total, viz,		$4278.55
Gives a grand sum total of		$20998.55

The whole number of our Communicants as reported this year is 6210. Dividing the sum total by this number we obtain an average of $3.38 to each Church member in our Presbytery.

If reports had been received from the other twenty two Churches, the aggregate would have been doubtless materially changed

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but the average would probably have remained about the same.

This sum is indeed small, yet considering the hardships, high prices, and high taxes, it is indicative of an encouraging spirit of liberality, that compares not unfavorably with the results of other and more prosperous times.

In the year 1860 Concord Presbytery reported to the General Assembly 7255 Communicants, and a payment of $33822.00 to all ecclesiastical purposes. This yields an average of $4.66 to each Communicant, against $3.38 of the present year.

With the blessing of God upon our churches - with returning prosperity - we hope that the spirit of liberality in the future, will far surpass that of years gone by. We trust, that "as the fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold," so will be the ordeal through which we are passing to the piety and liberality of our beloved Zion.

(Signed) J. Rumple

On motion, the foregoing report, was substituted for the one previously prepared for Synod.

Presbytery took recess, to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Nov. 2nd. Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

Application being made by the Rev. G. M. Gibbs, of the Presbytery of Hay-tteville, to labor in the bounds of Con-

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cord Presbytery whilst their next semi-annual Meeting, on motion the request was granted.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Back Creek Church, on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in April (the 9th), at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed

W. A. Wood, Moderator

J. Rumple, Status Clerk.

Appointed.

Back Creek Church. April 10th 1868

The committee appointed to correct the minutes of the meeting in Newbern, reported the following which was accepted and ordered to be appended to page 407 of the Minutes of Presbytery - viz.

Newbern N.C. Nov. 1st 1867

The Presbytery of Concord met at Newbern, according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called and the following members were found present, viz. Ministers - John Douglass, Nathan Shotwell, W. W. Pharr, J. N. Easton, A. W. Miller D.D. W. A. Wood and H. H. Banks. Ruling Elders, Dr. A. Scarr, E. J. Erwin, Dr. J. J. Summerell, E. Rice & Dr. R. L. Beall. Dr. R. L. Beall was appointed temporary Clerk.

(Signed) Walter W. Pharr
A. W. Miller D.D.
W. A. Wood

J. Rumple, Stated Clerk.

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Back Creek Church N. C.
Thursday April 2 1868 11 o'clock A.M.

Sermon — The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. William A. Wood, from Philippians II. 5.6, 7, 8.

Text. — Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Constitution — After Sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll — The roll was then called and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, viz.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders	of Churches
D. A. Penick Jun.	R. J. McDowell	Unity - Lincoln
John Douglass.	C. W. Faucette	Lenoir.
Wm. S. Morrison	A. C. Alexander	Rocky River.
Wm. Graves	R. H. Blythe	Hopewell
Walter W. Pharr	Isaac Erwin	Shelby.
S. C. Millen D.D.	J. R. Adams	South Creek
B. L. Beall	D. H. Hamilton	Ramah

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	Ministers	Ruling Elders	of Churches
Roll continues	Wm. C. Sheetz	R. C. Wilson	Taylorsville
	J. S. Barr	Jno. F. Johnston	Caldwell
	G. D. Parks	W. A. Garrison	Mallard Creek
	G. Rumple	B. W. Moore	Franklin Ch.
	D. A. Penick jun.	J. M. Alexander	Concord.
	Wm. W. Pharr	G. C. Stephenson	Shiloh
	Wm. A. Wood.	R. A. McNeely	Sugar Creek.
	E. H. Harding	Theoph. Cawthon	Poplar Tent.
	W. B. Walker	N. Johnston	Bethphage
	R. B. Johnston.	R. Culbertson	Unity (Bowen)
	R. B. Anderson.	J. R. B. Adams	Fifth Creek
	Wm. McDonald	A. G. Yorke	Concord Town
	H. H. Banks	D. Kilpatrick	Prospect.
	S. C. Pharr D.D.	J. R. Graham	Thyatira
	R. N. Davis	Wm. Beaver	Philadelphia.
	Jacob Hood	J. T. Summey	Asheville
		J. A. Witherspoon	Bethesda
		S. W. Craig	New Hope

Roll

The Roll being formed, the Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. John Douglass as Moderator, and Rev. B. L. Beall, and A. T. Summey, R. E. as temporary Clerks.

Officers Elected.

The Presbytery then took a recess of one hour.

After recess

The Presbytery being met. Ezra B Wilson, R. E. from Olney Church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat. Rev. A. W. Miller D. D. appeared in Presbytery, & took his seat, and assigned reasons for tardiness. J. M. Alexander, R. E. from Concord Church, and J. H. Stevenson, R. E. from Shiloh Church, appeared in Presbytery and took their seats.

R. E. enrolled

Ministers & R. Es. enrolled

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last Semi-Annual Meeting at Asheville, and of the adjourned meeting at Newbern were read.

Reasons for absence at final roll call.

The Rev. S. C. Millen, D.D. and the Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D. gave satisfactory excuses for absence, at the final roll call of the last semi-annual Meeting, at Asheville.

Reasons for absence from last Meeting

The Rev. Messrs. R. B. Anderson, G. D. Parks, William W. Pharr, E. H. Harding and Wm. McDonald assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from the last Semi-annual Meeting.

Com. to correct minutes

A Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs W. A. Wood, Walter W. Pharr, and A. R. Miller D.D. were appointed to correct the minutes of the adjourned meeting at Newbern, by adding to the said Minutes the names of the members present, and the Officers thereof.

Excuses of Absentees.

A letter was read from the Rev. Jas. E. Morrison, assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the last and present semi-annual meetings of the Presbytery. Letters were also read from Rev. T. M.

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Paxton, and Rev. R.K. Chapman D.D. assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of Presbytery.

T.P. Johnston received. A letter, dismissing the Rev. Thos. Pinckney Johnston from the Presbytery of North Mississippi to Concord Presbytery was read. After the usual examination he was received and his name enrolled.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz.

Com.s appointed.

1. On Bills and Overtures
Rev. Messrs W. A. Mood, J.C. Miller D.D. Jacob Hood, & Ruling Elder R.F. Blythe.

2. Judicial Committee
Rev. Messrs. Walter W. Pharr, G.D. Parks and E.W. Faucette, R.E.

3. On the Narrative.
Rev. Messrs. H.H. Banks, R.Z. Johnston and R.E. John R. Graham.

4. On Systematic Benevolence.
Rev. Messrs. J. Rumple, W.B. Watts, and R.E. E. Nye Hutchison.

5. On the Minutes of the General Assembly
Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick Jun. J.C. Pharr D.D. and Ruling Elder, J.R.B. Adams.

6. On the Minutes of Synod
Rev. Messrs. D.A. Penick, Jun. B.L. Beall, and Ruling Elder, J.V. Craig.

7. On Davidson College - to nominate Trustees.
Rev. R.N. Davis, Rev. Thos. W. Pharr, & Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.

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Com.s continued.

8 On Concord Female College - Nominate Trustees.
Rev. Walter W. Pharr, Rev. G.D. Parks, and E. W. Faucette R.E.

9. On Sustentation - to review Records and nominate new Committee.
Rev. Rev. A.W. Miller D.D. Rev. D.A. Penick Jun. and A.T. Sweaney, R.E.

10 On Devotional Exercises.
Rev. W.B. Watts and D. Kilpatrick.

11 Committee on Sessional Records.

1 Rev. R.B. Anderson and A.J. Yorke on Records of Unity (L) Eastatoa Grove, Lenoir, Rocky River, Hopewell, Shelby, Lebanon, Wadesboro, Goshen, Steel Creek & Pleasant Hill.

2 Rev. E.H. Harding, & Theoph. Cannon on Records of Rutherfordton, Little Britain, Flat Creek, College, Bethel (M) Hendersonville, Mills River, Davidsons River, Bethel (H) & Fourth Creek. ✓

3 Rev. Wm. McDonald & Isaac A. Witherspoon on Records of Tabor, Marion, Siloam, Drusilla, Rheims Creek, Ramah, Taylorsville, Wilkesboro, Long Creek & Lincolnton.

4 Rev. J.C. Pharr D.D. & Dr. B.W. Moore on Records of Dallas, Olney, Mackpelah, Concord, Shiloh, Sugar Creek, Sandy Plains, Salisburg, Franklin (R) Poplar Tent, Bethphage and Centre.

5 Rev. D.A. Penick Jun. & R. Culbertson on Records of Third Creek, Unity (R) Newton, Fifth Creek, Concord Town, Back Creek, Prospect,

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Committee concluded

Providence and Sharon.

6. Rev. Wm. Graves and T. H. Hamilton, on Records of Goshen, Jefferson, Wyatteville, Bethlehem, Philadelphia, Asheville, Swannanoa, Bethany, Bethesda, New Hope & Duncans Creek.

Com. on leave of absence.

On Motion the Rev. R. J. Johnston, Rev. H. H. Banks, and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence.

J. D. Johnston, R. E. from Third Creek appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

Treas. Sust. pro tem.

R. J. McDowell, R. E. was appointed Treasurer of Sustententation pro tem in the Absence of D. A. Davis, the Treasurer.

Order for to-morrow

On motion, it was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning to present the Records of Sessions, and to hear the Statistical Reports, and reports on the State of Religion.

R. E. enrolled.

R. W. Gibson, R. E. from Bethany Church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Rev. W. M. Kilpatrick dismissed.

The Rev. Wm. M. Kilpatrick, returned to Presbytery, his dismission to the Presbytery of Ga and requested a dismission to the Presbytery of Western Texas. His request was granted.

Letter from P. P. Maxwell

A letter from Mr. P. P. Maxwell, a candidate under care of Presbytery, was read and referred to the Committee on Education

Call for J. J. Kennedy

A call from the Church of New Hope, for the pastoral services of Mr. J. J. Kennedy, licentiate, promising him $250.00 in an-

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nual payments, for the half of his time, was read and being found in order, was placed in his hands for consideration.

Calls for R. H. Caldwell.

Calls from the Churches of Bethany and Fifth Creek, for the pastoral services of Licentiate, R. H. Caldwell, promising him $250.00 each, for one half of his time, in semi-annual payments, were read and placed in his hands for consideration.

Call for W. A. Wood

A call from Third Creek Church for the pastoral Services of Rev. W. A. Wood, promising him $400.00 for two thirds of his time, and also a call for the same from Unity Church (Rowan) promising him $200.00 for one third of his time - each in semi-annual payments - were read, and placed in his hands for consideration.

Call for G. D. Parks

A call from the Church of Sugar Creek Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. G. D. Parks, promising him $1000.00 in quarterly payments, for the whole of his time, was read, and being found in order, was placed in his hands for consideration.

Mr. Dickey received as a Candidate

Mr. Wm. N. Dickey, a Member of Steel Creek Church presented himself before Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, and was examined on experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the Ministry. The examination was sustained, and Mr. Dickey was received under the care of the Presbytery.

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Res. on Devotional Exercises.

On motion it was resolved to spend the first half hour of each morning session in devotional exercises.

Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning, 9 o'clock
April 10th 1868.

The Presbytery met and spent a half hour in devotional exercises. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved

New Members appear

The Rev. G. W. McPhail, D.D. the Rev. E. H. Rockwell, and the Rev. J. Rankin appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness. The Rev. Geo. M. Gibbs, of Fayetteville Presbytery, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Ruling Elder Thos. Brown, from Upsa church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Records of Sessions.

The first order of the day was taken up, and Records of Sessions were handed in and referred to the Committees of review.

Reports of Sessions approved in full.

The second order was then taken up, viz. the hearing of Sessional Reports. The Presbytery having resolved to vote on the approval of each report separately, the following were read and approved in full, viz. those of Rocky River, College, Charlotte and Sharon.

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Reports approved in part

The following were read and approved in part, viz. those of Steel Creek, Lenoir, Hopewell, Shelby, Little Brittain, Bethel (Haywood) Hendersonville, Mills River, Davidson River, Mount Creek, Tabor, Marion, Siloam, Ramah, Taylorsville, Caldwell, Mallard Creek, Franklin (Macon) Ebenezer, Morganton, Dallas, Olney, Sugar Creek, Salisbury, Franklin (Rowan) Mount Pleasant, Bethphage, Centre, Third Creek, Unity (Rowan) Newton, Fifth Creek, Concord Town, Providence, Joppa, Thyatira, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Asheville, Swannanoa, Bethesda, Bethany New Hope, Shiloh, Back Creek, Prospect.

No report

The following Churches presented no report, viz. Unity (Lincoln) Castanea Grove, Lebanon, Wadesboro, Rutherfordton, Goshen, Bethel (Mecklenburg) Rheims Creek, Salem, Wilkesboro, Lincolnton, Long Creek, Hiwassee, Beulah, Mackpelah, Sandy Plains, Jefferson.

3rd Order

The Presbytery then took up the third order of the day, viz. the Annual Report of the Presbytery's Committee of Sustentation. This Report being read was referred to the Standing Committee on the Report and Records of the Committee of Sustentation.

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The Standing Committee reported recommending the Cordial approval of the Report of the Presbytery's Executive Committee of Sustentation. This report was adopted.

The Presbytery then proceeded to consider

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the resolutions seriatem. After having been discussed, referred, reported back, and amended, the following is a copy of the report, and resolutions, as approved and adopted - viz.

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Report of the Committee of Sustentation of the Presbytery of Concord, from April 26th 1867 to April 10th 1868.

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The Committee of Sustentation respectfully report that four days after their appointment, viz. April 30th 1867, they met in Salisbury, and organized by the election of Walter W. Pharr. Chairman, J. D. Parks. Sec. & D. A. Davis, Treas. and directed the Chairman to report to the Assembly's Committee of Sustentation, that Concord Presbytery had resolved to co-operate with the Central Committee, that our indebtedness to former Missionaries was about $400.00, and that there was $13.00 in the treasury.

Your Committee has held eight regular meetings for business during the past year. At different times, they have recommended brethren to the Central Committee for aid as set forth below.

1.	R. H. Chapman D.D.	for	$250.00
2	Wm. Graves		300.00
3	Wm. C. Steetz		150.00
4	Thos. P. Johnston		250.00
5	Thos. N. Paxton		100.00

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6	S. C. Millen D.D.	$200.00
7	Jesse Rankin	250.00
8	Jacob Hood	100.00
9	Nathan Shotwell	125.00

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Making, to this Presbytery, for 1867 $1925.00. The Central Committee promptly granted all these requests for appropriations.

At the opening of the year 1868, Walter W. Pharr resigned the Chairmanship of the Committee, and J. Rumple was elected in his stead.

Letters were at once addressed by the Chairman to all the Missionaries, asking for reports, and necessary information, concerning their respective fields, and the feeble churches. From information thus collected, the Committee has seen its way clear to recommend aid to Ministers, as follows.

1	Jo. R. H. Chapman D.D.	$250.00
2	Wm. C. Steetz	100.00
3	S. C. Millen D.D.	200.00
4	Thos. N. Paxton	125.00
5	Nathan Shotwell	125.00
6	John D. Wilson	200.00
7	Thos. P. Johnston	200.00,

The whole amount thus far recommended is $1200.00, for the year 1868.

To these recommendations the Central Committee yielded a ready response. In consequence of the diminished resources of the

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Central Committee, and the small contributions of our Churches, your Committee have thought it wise to reduce the amount to be recommended as low as possible, and have addressed letters to the several churches, urging the people to a more liberal support of their Ministers. Such letters have been addressed to Salem, Wilkesboro, Marion, Siloam, and to the seven missionary Stations in the Circuit of the Rev. Wm. Graves. By this means the Committee hope to secure, in connection with the appropriations recommended, a competent support to all the ministers of the Presbytery.

Missionary labors. &c.

1 Rev. Dr. Chapman.

Dr. Chapman preaches in Henderson & Transylvania Counties, to the Congregations of Hendersonville, Mills River, and Davidsons River - one third of his time to each - generally three or more times each visit, and maintaining a Sabbath School and Bible Class in each Church, besides a weekly prayer meeting and lecture in Hendersonville. These Churches have contributed a reasonable amount to the support of their Minister, also $52.00 to the cause of Sustentation & their full assessment of $28.00 to the support of the Evangelist. This field

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appears to be growing in interest, and well repays the care bestowed upon it, and in the opinion of your Committee, the labors of this efficient Missionary should be continued to these Churches.

2. Rev. Wm. Graves.

Mr. Graves labors in Haywood and Jackson Counties, preaching at Bethel Church, Waynesville, Hider Mountain, Webster, Shoal Creek, Shulers, and Zackeys School House, ranging from 32, to 95 miles from his home in Mills River. He labors in the Circuit, from 3 to 4 weeks, and after a rest, at home of 2 or 3 days, recommences his arduous work. The congregations are represented as increasing in numbers and attention, and 3 members are reported as received into the Church, and several others as expected to be received soon, at Zackeys School House, though your Committee have no knowledge of any Church organization at that point.

This is properly a Missionary Circuit - a field just beginning to be cultivated. As yet, the Missionary has reported no prayer meetings, Sabbath Schools nor Bible Classes, and no contributions by the people to any cause whatever, not even to his own support. Your Committee have sent a circular to be read to all these congrega-

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tions, asking them to signify their appreciation of the services of our Missionary by making reasonable contributions to his support, and we have withheld any recommendation for aid to this field until it is heard from. No response has yet been made. We think it injudicious to spend the money, and the self-denying labors of a faithful Missionary, unless there is some prospect of building up a church in that region.

3. Rev. Wm. C. Sheetz.

Mr. Sheetz is the Pastor of the Morgantown Church, preaching there three fourths of his time, and dividing the remaining fourth between Quaker Meadows, and Sardis upon Leuville. Weekly prayer meetings, Sabbath School and Bible class are maintained in the Morgantown Church, and liberal contributions are reported to all the Committees, except to foreign Missions—and also their assessment, in part, to the Evangelist's Fund. The accessions reported are, Morgantown-4, Quaker Meadows 2 Sardis on Leuville 3 - total 10. It does not appear into what Church, the members at Quaker Meadows, & Sardis were received, no having no churches at these points. It is inferred that they were received into the Morgantown Church.

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4. Rev. Thos. P. Johnston

Mr. Johnston was recommended for aid as a Missionary in McDowell, Yancey, and Mitchell Counties. But after exploring the field, he thought fit to change to Sardis & Silver Creek, in Burke County. He found about 15 Presbyterians at each point, and preached to encouraging Congregations. Drusilla is an organized Church on our Roll, but has been for several years without a ruling elder, though one of the Morgan Sefsion resides within its bounds.

Silver Creek is not an organized Church, but there is a ruling elder of some other Church residing in this neighborhood also. It would be well for Presbytery to attend to these interesting fields, and if the way be clear, complete an organization at each place.

Mr. Johnston has received no compensation from this field except $15.00 cash, and 2 cents of gold dust. The chairman of your committee has written to E. J. Erwin Esq. of Morganton, who has cheerfully consented to visit these stations, and endeavor to stimulate, and aid the people in raising something, either in money or provisions for the support of their Minister.

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5. Rev. T. N. Paxton.

Mr. Paxton has been for more than 16. years the S. S. of Marion and Siloam Churches, and nearly all the present members have been received during his Ministry. They have been usually self sustaining, but for 3 years have needed some assistance. These Churches have contributed liberally to the various Committees of our Church, and Siloam its full assessment, and Marion one half to the Evangelist's fund. After correspondence with the Sessions of these churches, we have reason to believe that the two will contribute $350.00 to the support of their Minister, which, with the $125.00 granted by the Sustentation Com. will make $475.00, We hope these amounts will be supplemented, either in money or provisions, to the sum of $600.00

We have a report from Mr. Paxton, showing a few additions, and stating that there are small Sabbath Schools & Bible Classes in his charge, but no mention is made of weekly prayermeetings

6. Rev. J. C. Miller D.D.

Dr. Miller preached the last year in Taylorsville, Wilkesboro, & Salem. His promised support for 1868 was from Taylorsville $250.00 (in Specie) from

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Wilkesboro, $100.00.— from Salem about $75.00, (i.e. fixed for a home), — from Sustentation Fund $200.00 — amounting to about $675.00 currency. For the current year there is promised from Taylorsville $275.00, Salem $75.00, Sustentation Fund, $200.00 — total $550.00. The chairman of your Committee addressed letters to Salem and Wilkesborough urging them to action in the matter. Salem has responded to this by raising $75.00, and your committee has reason to hope that Wilkesboro will also enter into the arrangement. If they should, Wilkes and Ashe will furnish an interesting Missionary field, that ought to be cultivated.

Your Committee has received no definite reports from Dr. Miller on the extent of his labors, number of accasions, size of Congregations, on prayer meetings, Sabbath Schools or Bible Classes. The Churches have contributed to the cause of Sustentation. Wilkesboro has paid its assessment to the Evangelist's fund, but Taylorsville and Salem have failed to responed to the call

7 Rev. Jesse Rankin.

Mr Rankin is the S. S. of Lenoir and Missionary in Caldwell Co. For 1867 he received from the Sustentation fund $250.00, but asks no aid for 1868. The Church of Lenoir is well

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organized and contributes liberally to all the Committees of our Church, and its quota to the Evangelists fund. From personal knowledge we report a Sabbath School and Bible Class maintained in this Church, but Mr. Rankin has not favored the Committee with a report of his labors, nor of the extent and condition of his field.

8 Rev. Jacob Hood.

Mr. Hood preached the past year in Clay, Cherokee, and Macon Counties—one Sabbath a month at Franklin and Ebenezer jointly - one Sabbath a month at Hiwassee & Beulah each,- and one Sabbath at Hiwassee Town, Ga. A reviving season is reported at Ebenezer and five accessions at Franklin. The churches in Clay Co. are somewhat divided on political questions, though there is no open rupture yet, and we hope all difficulties may yet be healed. There are only about 15 members in this region, and the Church building at Hiwassee is old & dilapidated. We have a Church building at Murphy- the county seat of Cherokee, but no organization. No attention has been paid to this point, unless the Evangelist has visited it. No report, as to support from the field has been received from this Mission-

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sionary- he having supported himself, the Committee think, by teaching, with the aid of $100.00 from the Sustentation Fund.

Mr. Hood has now removed to Ebenezer Congregation, and is supplying Franklin and Ebenezer Churches, and teaching in an Academy one fourth of his time. These two Churches seem to be in an encouraging state, and the Missionary's heart is cheered. He asks no assistance for the present year.

9 Rev. Nathan Shotwell.

Mr. Shotwell preaches in Rutherfordton Little Brittain, Shelby and Sandy Plains. He is technically the pastor of the two former Churches for the whole of his time- the first- Rutherfordton- promising him $ 530.00, & Little Brittain $250.00. But so much has Rutherfordton been reduced in numbers, ability or disposition, that, the last year, only $ 130. or was paid him- and at date, they owe him $ 1815.15, according to his calculation. He has undertaken to supply the Churches of Sandy Plains and Shelby, deducting the time from the Rutherfordton Church, and giving them credit for said time, on his salary. The attention of Presbytery is respectfully called to this irregularity, and the Committee would recommend the Presbytery to ascertain all the facts in the case, and to revise, or dissolve said re-

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lation, unless the mutual duties are performed according to the terms of the call.
The support of the pastor, for the past year, has been, from Rutherfordton $130.00, Little Brittain (in provisions mainly) $250.00, Shelby $76.00, Sandy Plains $73.00, Sustentation Fund $125.00, total $654.00. It is but just to mention that a considerable portion of this sum, has been paid in accounts, & spent in repairing vehicle and harness broken in meeting the Missionary appointments.
For 1868 the Committee have recommended aid to the amount of $125.00 only, believing that it was not best to foster a relation where the engagements stipulated in the call were disregarded on both sides. When the Presbytery has investigated the matter, the course of the Committee will be guided by information then obtained.
16. Rev. John D. Wilson.
Mr. Wilson preached the past year at Fifth Creek and Newton – the former promising him $300.00 – the latter $125.00, together $425.00 He also received about $50.00 from Ky, making in all $475.00 The Committee recommended an appropriation of $200.00 from the Sustentation Fund, which was granted. This beloved brother has suffered many privations in

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the service of our blessed Master. His health failing, he has now removed to his father's home in Tenn. with his family. Let us remember him and his family, when we approach the throne of Divine Mercy.
This vacant field of Fifth Creek should be speedily supplied. The Committee hope that steps will be taken at this meeting to secure a portion of a Minister's time to each.
11. The Rev. J. E. Morrison resides in Anson Co. and an arrangement may be made to secure his services at Lebanon and Wadesboro, which are vacant. The Chairman of this Committee was appointed to visit this field, but for lack of a conveyance, bad roads, and other duties, he has been unable to go.
12. Thyatira and Franklin are still vacant, though several attempts have been made by the people themselves, and your committee to secure them a Minister. We hope they will soon be supplied.
13. Hopewell and Machpelah Churches are vacant still, and your Committee has no certain knowledge of any efforts made to supply them.
14 A Committee appointed by you at Asheville, will it is hoped, give you information concerning Ramah Church.
15. Your Evangelist will report, as directed, on

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cerning Flat Creek, Rheims Creek, Hiwassee, Beulah, and Duncans Creek.

Your Committee desire to call the attention of all Ministers receiving aid from the Sustentation Fund, that they are required by the laws prescribed to this Committee to send quarterly reports to the Chairman, the 1st of January, April, July and October, concerning their labors, the places and number of times they preach; what Congregations, small medium or large, increasing or decreasing the accessions to the Church, the prayer meetings, Sabbath Schools and Bible classes maintained — on benevolent contributions, etc. etc. The Committee will feel constrained, unless the Presbytery otherwise direct to withhold appropriations from such as fail to report.

Comparison of Receipts and Appropriations.

From the forgoing statement (of receipts & appropriations) it will be seen that Concord Presbytery received during 1867, from the Assembly's Committee of Sustentation, $1125.00, and for 1868, already appropriated $1200.00 — in both years $2325.00. Our Presbytery has on its roll 42 ministers, 72 Churches, and 6810 Communicants. It has been impoverished as little as any

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other by the war. It will be a matter of interest to learn what these Churches have contributed during the past year.

Since the organization of the Committee on the 30th of April 1867, D. A. Davis, Esqr — our Treasurer, has received from the former Treasurer, and from individuals and Churches, the sum of $213.42, for 1867. For the same time Dr. Woodrow, the Gen. Assembly's Treasurer, received $29.20, making a total of $242.62, to the first of 1868. ✓

For the current year Mr. Davis has received $204.95, and Dr. Woodrow $202.00 — together $406.95. (This is exclusive of the sums received by the Treasurer, since the opening of the present Sessions) This sum has been contributed by ten churches and two individuals, while 62 churches, and some of them among our strongest, fully organized, and under the care of settled Pastors, have failed in this important cause. Your Committee do not complain because the contributions are not as liberal as in former years, but because there has been no contribution at all. We respectfully suggest that the Presbytery enjoin upon the Ministers and Sessions of said (non-contributing) Churches, to give the people an opportunity to give according

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as the Lord has prospered them.

Of the $418.37 that has been paid into the hands of the Treasurer, Mr. Davis, not a cent has been paid into the Central Treasury. The Presbytery will remember, that at our last Meeting, in Asheville, last fall, an order was passed, directing Mr. Davis to pay, for services previously rendered, to Dr Chapman $275.00, to Rev. Wm. Graves $150.00, together $425.00 These debts our Treasurer has not yet been able to liquidate, but hopes to do so shortly, and then to send our first remittance to the General Assembly's Treas. of Sustentation. To prevent confusion your Committee would respectfully ask the Presbytery to enjoin upon all our Churches to send their contributions to our Presbyterial Treasurer. The present occupant of that Office is much more convenient to most of our churches, than the Central Treasurer, and the funds will be promptly forwarded by him, to their destination, and the sums will not only be credited upon his books, and thus be easily ascertained; but also published in the N.C. Presbyterian, and thus be known to the members of all our Churches.

Of the Evangelist.

The Evangelist is elected by the Presbytery, and is accountable directly to the Presbytery, and will in due time make his report on this flood. The relation of the Sustentation Committee to him arises only from the fact, that it has been directed, in the event of his accepting the appointment, to provide, by assessment on the Churches, the Salary of $1000.00 promised him. At a meeting of the Committee, held May 28th, Mr. Beall signified his acceptance, and asked the Committee to provide for his support. The Committee immediately proceeded to assess the Churches, at twice the sums assessed for Commissioners Fund. This, if all were punctually paid, would yield the sum of $[illegible]. Allowing for a small number of delinquencies, this, it was hoped would yield $1000.00. Circulars were immediately addressed to the Churches, informing them of the assessment, and asking them to send it to the Treasurer, at once. As few responded to this appeal, circulars were again addressed to the churches. As the result of these efforts, the Treasurer has received from the churches $501.43, while $473.57 remain unpaid. In view of this sad failure, the Committee would respectfully ask the interference of the Presbytery to aid in raising the Salary of the Evangelist.

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, and that the question of continuing the office be well considered, and if continued that some more efficient and acceptable means of raising his salary be adopted.

Of the Families of Deceased Ministers.

At the last meeting of the Presbytery in Asheville, a resolution was adopted directing all the Churches to take up collections for the support of Disabled Ministers, and the families of deceased Ministers, and the money so collected to be paid into the Treasury of the Assembly's Committee of Sustentation, to be, by them, appropriated, and an annual account thereof to be rendered to the Presbytery. This resolution was published in the abstract of the Minutes, by your Stated Clerk. No funds having come into the Treasury, for this purpose, two months ago, it was republished by the Chairman of your Committee. Letters were also written to Mrs. McPherson, and Mrs. Moore, and inquiries made concerning their condition. Information was elicited to the effect that the only resources of these ladies were their small farms, and that in the case of Mrs. Moore the farm yields but a small rent, very inadequate to her support. By the kindness of relatives and friends they have

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been kept from actual suffering. But help was very much needed, and would be thankfully received. From efforts made by correspondence and otherwise, the following contributions have been recently received, viz. ✓

From Ladies' Benev. Assoc. Salisbury Church, 1 Box Cloth, etc. etc, valued at $80.00
From do. Cash- 2.00
" Rev. G. D. Parks 5.00

The box of Sundries was sent, about three weeks ago, by Express & otherwise to Mrs. Moore, and we hope that it has by this time reached its destination.

Of the injunctions of the Synod.

The Synod of N.C. at its late session in Newbern adopted several resolutions, imposing new and important duties upon the Committee of Sustentation and its Chairman. These matters are so numerous and delicate, that the Chairman will be allowed to call special attention to them, and to ask the cordial co-operation of the Presbytery in devising and executing an efficient plan for their performance. The Chairman is directed—

1st To acquaint himself with financial condition of all the Churches, and their ability to contribute.

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2nd. To ascertain whether they contribute to sustentation, and other benevolent causes according to their ability.

3rd. To ascertain whether they are giving a competent support to their ministers.

4th. To learn whether ministers adequately supported are giving their whole time to their appropriate work

5th That he use all his influence to secure liberal contributions to all our benevolent causes, and the prompt payment of a competent salary to Ministers.

" 6th. That when feeble Churches are unable to support their ministers, the Executive Com. of Sustentation make such an appropriation as will raise their salary to a minimum of $600.00 per annum.

" 7th To report to Presbytery churches that persist in neglecting to contribute to the Sustentation cause, or to support their pastor.

" 8th To receive and report to Presbytery for its action all complaints of Churches against ministers for not devoting their whole time to their work, when they receive a competent support.

" 9th. That the chairman present a report on this subject to each semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

10th. That the Chairman of Sustentation

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be remunerated for these services

" 11th. That the Chairman arrange, and recommend to Presbytery such combinations

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That the Chairman of Sustentation may be able to secure the information necessary to the successful performance of this great work, the Committee ask that the Presbytery, at this meeting adopt a scheme directing the ministers and church sessions to furnish him at once, such information upon the foregoing points as may be needful to him. And would still further recommend the Presbytery to proceed at once to classify, not only the feeble churches, but all the Churches in the Presbytery, into permanent pastoral charges, as convenient and symmetrical as possible, said churches not to be severed from each other, and the charges dissolved, except by express permission of Presbytery, upon the allegation of good and sufficient reasons

With confident hopes that the information, and suggestions herein set forth, may conduce, by the blessing of the King of Zion, to a more perfect understanding of the subject of sustentation, and

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a deeper interest in it, on the part of both ministers and churches, your Committee in conclusion, respectfully submit, for the consideration and adoption of Presbytery, the following resolutions, and classification of Churches into Pastorates.

Resolutions.

Res. 1. That we acknowledge with devout gratitude to God, the reception of $3125.00 from the General Assembly's Committee of Sustentation, to aid in supporting the Ministers in destitute fields.

" 2. That we recognize the gracious Providence of God in watching over our Missionaries, and in giving success to their labors.

" 3. That we regard the cause of Sustentation as one of the chief agencies of our Church, devised in the hour of need, and deserving the confidence, prayers and liberal support of all our Ministers and Churches.

" 4. That we are grieved to learn that the following Churches, viz. Bethel (Mock) Bethel (Hagwood) Bithesda, Caldwell, College, Concord Town, Dallas, Fifth Creek, Franklin, (Rowan) Goshen, Hopewell, Jefferson, Long Creek, Little Brittain, Meadpeluh, Marion, New Hope, Olney, Providence, Ramah, Rutherfordton, Salem,

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Sharon, Shelby, Shiloh, Silcam, Sugarbuck, Swannanoa, Tabor, Third Creek, Thyatira, Wilkesboro, Beulah, Drusilla, Hiwassee, Lebanon, & Wadesboro, have entirely failed, for the present year, to contribute to this cause, and that we admonish them, and enjoin upon them to make such a contribution, at as early a day as possible.

" 5. That all our churches be enjoined to take up a collection for the support of disabled Ministers, and the families of deceased Ministers, on the 2nd Sabbath of May, or as soon thereafter as possible.

" 6. That all the Churches that have failed, in part or in whole, to pay their assessment to the support of the Evangelist, be admonished to pay said assessment, before the 1st day of June 1868, or show good reason for failure, at the next meeting of Presbytery.

" 7 That a Committee consisting of the Rev. R. H. Chapman D. D. Rev. H. H. Banks, & E. J. Erwin Esqr, be appointed to visit the Church of Rutherfordton and its Pastor, to investigate the facts and reasons for arrearages and irregularity, and to report to Presbytery a basis for adjustment of claim and revision of pastoral relation.

" 8 That all the churches of our Presbytery be classified into permanent Pastorates, as

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propriate in size and symmetry (as arranged in the subjoined Schedule, Paper "A") said pastorates not to be dissolved except by express permission of Presbytery, upon the allegation of sufficient reasons; provided that this resolution shall not be construed as unsettling or dissolving pastoral charges already existing, arranged in a manner differing from the accompanying classification.

" 9. That Presbytery hereby asserts, and hereafter will exercise its authority over the relation of Stated Supply and congregation, as well as over that of Pastor and Church, requiring such relations to be formed only by its consent in open Presbytery, or in the interim, by consent of the Presbytery's Committee of Sustentation, subject to the endorsement of the Presbytery, and that Churches and Stated Supplies shall be held strictly to account by Presbytery, for the discharge of their mutual duties, pecuniary and religious.

Paper "A"

Pastoral Charges

Charge 1. Charlotte
" 2 Steel Creek & Pleasant Hill
" 3 Providence and Sharon
" 4. Wadesboro and Lebanon.

Charge 5, Philadelphia and Bethlehem
" 6 Sugar Creek
" 7 Hopewell and Caldwell.
" 8 Mallard Creek, Ramah & Bethel. (Mecklenburg)
" 9 College.
" 10 Concord Town.
" 11 Rocky River
" 12 Poplar Tent.
" 13 Bethpehage and Centre.
" 14 Salisbury
" 15 Thyatira and Franklin (Rowan)
" 16 Back Creek and Prospect.
" 17 Third Creek and Unity (Rowan)
" 18 Joppa, Tabor and East Bend (Circuit)
" 19 Fifth Creek and Bethany.
" 20 Fourth Creek and Bethesda.
" 21 Concord and Shiloh.
" 22 Taylorsville and Salem.
" 23 Wilkesboro, Jefferson & Alleghany (Circuit)
" 24 Lenoir and Newton.
" 25. Lincolnton and Long Creek.
" 26 Unity and Castanea Grove.
" 27 Goshen and New Hope.
" 28 Olney, Dallas, and Machpelah.
" 29 Shelby & Little Brittain
" 30 Rutherfordton, Sandy Plains & Polk Co. (Circuit)
" 31. Morganton, Quaker Meadows, & Sandies on Swannanoa (Circuit)
" 32 Bruceville & Silver Creek - (Circuit)
" 33 Marion and Silbam.
" 34 Asheville and Swannanoa.

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Craige, 35, Hendersonville, Mills River & Davidson River.
Report " 36, Bethel (C), Waynesville, Webster (circuit
on " 37, Franklin (M) & Ebenezer.
Sustem " 38, Hiwassee, Beulah, & Murphey (Circuit)
tation

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee of Sustentation.

J. Rumple, Chairman

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The Presbytery then took a recess of one hour.

After Recess.

Clifford Davis Davis Hutchison Candidates

The Presbytery met. The Rev. J. Rumple introduced as Candidates for the ministry, desiring to be taken under care of Presbytery, Messrs. Branch G. Clifford, William Henry Davis, and John Wright Davis, members of the Salisbury Church, and the Rev. R. Z. Johnston, introduced Mr. Cyrus N. Hutchison, a member of the Sharon Church. These young men were severally examined on Experimental religion, and their motives for seeking the gospel Ministry. Their examination was sustained, and they were received under the care of the Presbytery as Candidates for the holy Ministry.

Prof. Blake appears

Prof. J. R. Blake, Ruling Elder from College Church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

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Com. to examine Mr. Dickey

The Rev. E. A. Rockwell, Rev. S. C. Hart, D.D. Prof. J. R. Blake and Dr. C. Nye Hutchison were appointed a committee to examine Mr. Wm. N. Dickey on his literary course, & preparation for the ministry.

Candidates to study at D. Coll.

On motion Messrs. Wm. H. Davis, John W. Davis, Branch G. Clifford, and Cyrus N. Hutchison were directed to prosecute their studies at Davidson College.

Presbytery resumed consideration of the report on Sustentation.

D. A. Davis appears

D. A. Davis, R. E. from Salisbury appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Res. 9. Commit.

Resolution 9th of the Report of Committee on Sustentation was committed to the Special Committee on Sustentation.

Dickey's Exam. reported & sustained

The Committee to examine Mr. Dickey reported that they had attended to said duty, and unanimously recommend that his examination on his literary course, Hebrew language, and Church History be sustained. The report was adopted, and the following subjects for trial pieces were assigned.

Subjects assigned

For Critical Exercise, 1 Peter 1: 10–16.
Latin Exegesis - An Mundus sit Sempiternus?
Lecture. Romans 8: 6–13
Popular Sermon, Romans 10: 4.

Presbytery adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock
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The Presbytery met and spent a season in devotional Exercises. The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Parks absent. Satisfactory reasons were assigned in behalf of Rev. G. D. Parks, for returning home without formal leave from Presbytery.

Orders. It was made the first order of the day at 11 o'clock to elect Commissioners to the General Assembly, and the 2nd order to appoint the place and time for the next meeting; and immediately after to hear the Report of the Evangelist. Presbytery resumed the hearing of Sessional Reports. Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The order of the day having arrived, the hearing of Sessional reports was arrested.

Recess. Presbytery took a recess of five minutes to meet in the Session house.

After recess Presbytery met in the Session House.

Rep. Con. & Coll. The Trustees of Concord Female College presented the following report, which was received, and approved, viz.

The Trustees of Concord Female College

Report of Ch. Hem. College. in making a brief report of the condition of the Institution to Presbytery, most gratefully mention, first of all, that God has graciously blessed the teachers and the pupils with refreshings from his presence during the last year. It has rarely been true, for several years, that no one of the pupils was seriously concerned in regard to her salvation. During the last year some of the boarders were ever ready to inquire what they must do to be saved. All of them attended meetings of Inquiry when the Rev. R. Nall, D.D. was laboring in Fourth Creek Church, and about sixteen of them were hopefully converted to God.

The number of pupils has been much smaller during the past year, although the local patronage has increased. The depressed condition of our people has seriously affected the patronage of the College among its more distant friends. Yet we trust it will not long experience this evil. The whole number of pupils now on attendance upon its privileges is fifty nine - of whom forty are boarders. It is not only desirable, but highly important, that the parents in Connection with the Churches of this Presbytery, should consider the claims of this educational Home, where their children may be efficiently instructed, and enjoy social and religious advantages

which cannot be too highly estimated.
While we commend this Institution with its faculty and pupils to your prayers, we ask for the patronage it so much need, and so richly deserves.

(Signed) E. H. Rockwell,
Pres. Bred. Trustees.

Hall. Past. Rel. dissolved.

On motion the request of Rev. James D. Hall, and the Church of Goshen for a dissolution of the pastoral relation was granted.

The order of the day was suspended, & the reading of Sessional reports was resumed.

The Committee on leave of absence presented a report, which was laid on the table.

Com. to Gen. A. Media.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, which resulted as follows, viz

Rev. G. W. McPhail, D. D. & Rev. Wm. W. Phair his alternate.

Rev. D. A. Penick, Jun. with Rev. Tom C. Sheetz, his alternate.

E. J. Erwin, Esqr. with A. C. McIntosh Esq. alternate.

A. D. Summey, with Jas. Harper alternate.

Place & time of Next Meeting

Lincolnton was chosen as the place for the next meeting of Presbytery & Monday before the 4th Sabbath in September

1868, 7 o'clock P. M. as the time.

The hearing of the Report of the Evangelist was fixed as the first business after recess.

Parks accepts call.

The Rev. G. D. Parks signified his acceptance of the call from Sugar Creek Church; and the Rev. R. Z. Johnston and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison were appointed a committee to report arrangements for his installation.

Kennedy accepts call.

Mr. J. J. Kennedy signified his acceptance of the call from New Hope Church, and the Rev. Robt. B. Anderson, and J. W. Craig, D. D. were appointed a committee to report arrangements for his ordination and installation, if the way be clear.

Mod & Caldwell retain calls.

Leave was granted to Rev. W. S. Mod, and Mr. R. H. Caldwell to retain the calls placed in their hands, until the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Jud. Com.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had come into their hands, and asked to be discharged; which was done.

Sturgeon.

A request having been made for Mr. C. A. Sturgeon, a licentiate of E. Ala. Presbytery, to labor in our bounds, the matter was referred to the committee of Sustentation

Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After Recess.

The Presbytery met. The order of the day

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was suspended to hear the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly. The Report, being received, was adopted, and is as follows.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly and report what action said Minutes require on the part of this Presbytery, respectfully report that they have examined said Minutes, and find that several matters claim the attention of Presbytery, in regard to some of which the Committee ~~the Committee~~ recommend the action proper to be had, viz. ✓

1. On page 136 of the Minutes, in the report of the Stated Clerk, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, we find the Presbytery of Concord, with a number of other Presbyteries, assessed in the sum of $25.00, each, as necessary to meet the expenses of the General Assembly. The Committee recommend that the Treasurer of Presbytery be directed to pay the Assessment.

2. The Committee call the attention of the Presbytery to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 7th resolutions adopted by the Assembly, of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. See 2, 3, 40 & 7. Resolutions on page 138.

Your Committee recommend that Presbytery fully & cordially endorse the foregoing Resolutions.

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3 The Special attention of the Presbytery is also called to the action of the Assembly in the 1st and 2nd Resolutions of the Assembly's Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence on page 142, See Resolutions 1. 2. —

The Committee recommend that pastors & Sessions be authorized by Presbytery to take the contributions by personal application, rather than by public collections, if in their judgment, a larger sum can be raised by so doing.

The Committee further recommend that Presbytery urge all our ministers to train the people diligently to frequent and liberal contributions, to adopt the plan of weekly collections, according to the divine injunction, and as recommended by the Assembly in the 2nd Resolution, as soon as practicable

4. As the Synod of N. C. has had more attention and pointed action on the subject of Publication, which the Committee presumes will be brought before the Presbytery by another Committee, we simply call the attention of Presbytery to the 3rd, 4 7th & 8th Resolutions of the Assembly's Standing Committee on the report of the Executive Committee of Publication, found on p. 196. Minutes 347.

5 Your Committee further remind the Presbytery that a paper was offered to the

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General Assembly by Dr. J. A. Lyon, which was referred to the Presbyteries with directions to report on the subject to the next General Assembly, See the paper on pages 150, 151 of the Minutes.

Your Committee offer the following as an answer to said paper, viz.

The Presbytery regards the 1st & 2nd Resolutions on the great subject of Education referred to the Presbyteries, as involving, not only, interests of vast importance to the Church; but questions of very great difficulty of Solution. To what extent is it the province of the organic Church of God to look specially after the mere intellectual culture of her people? What are the limits of her authority and obligation in the premises?

The Presbytery is decidedly of the opinion that the Church is bound, as prompted by the spirit and genius of practical Christianity, to elevate and ameliorate both the mental and moral culture of her people, with a view to the highest attainments in in active and vital piety to the greatest extent practicable. Thus she is bound to do by exerting all practicable moral influence on all schools and institutions of learning, whether, male or female, of private or public enterprise, under

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Church or State control, by fostering all educational schemes and efforts that are based upon the principles of Christianity, never such as are infidel, or antagonistic to christianity. The education of the mind and affections for God and for eternity is vastly superior to training the intellect for this world. the forming of character for spiritual and eternal life is incomparably more the appropriate work of the Church, under her great Commission, than the cultivation of any or all human learning.

Mere intellectual culture, or human knowledge, without moral principle or the restraints of divine grace, we believe to be a curse. We hold therefore that intellectual ought always to be in subserviency to moral culture. The organic Church, we think, may not have then more appropriate spiritual work, for any form of mere secular education.

Nor do we believe that the Master organized the church as such to be an educater in human learning, except as subservient to the spiritual interests of his kingdom. Neither do we regard the Church as such, as authorized to dictate to her people, how, when, by whom or to what extent they shall carry on their educational interests; much less is she required, either to build up or conduct institutions of secular instruction. Let the Church

get, as far as possible, the hearts of people right, other things, whether educational, commercial, mechanical or social, will be much more likely to become right.

(Signed) Danl. A. Penick Sen. Chairn

Sess. Rep. Concord returned — The Sessional Report of Concord Church was read, and ordered to be returned to the Church, with instructions to report in accordance with the requirements of the Presbytery.

Evan. Rep. — The Evangelist made a report of his labors, which was received, and he commended for his diligence and faithfulness.

Trustees C. H. Coll. — The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Concord Female College made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Concord Female College would report, recommending the Rev. W. S. Pond, Rev. E. H. Rockwell, together with Col. C. S. Allison to be elected for the next four years, Also that the resignation of Dr. J. G. Ramsay be accepted, & Dr. J. R. D. Adams be elected to fill his place.

Correction of Min. — The Committee appointed to correct the Minutes of Meeting of Presbytery held at Newbern, Nov. 1st & 2nd 1867, reported a paper which was adopted, and ordered to

be appended to said Minutes on page 407. See Minutes on page 407

Dickey & Clifford Ed. Com. — On motion the Committee of Education was directed to receive Mr. Thos. N. Dickey and Mr. Branch G. Clifford, under their care as beneficiaries.

Gibbs received — The Rev. G. M. Gibbs presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Fayetteville to the Presbytery of Concord. After examination he was received and enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

Dr. Thom installed — The Committee appointed to install the Rev. S. C. Thom D.D. Pastor of the Caldwell Church, reported that they had performed the duty at the time and place appointed.

Davis installed — The Committee appointed to install the Rev. R. V. Davis, Pastor of the Church of Lincolnton reported that they had performed the duty at the time and place appointed.

Burwell com. on Cor. — The Rev. R. Burwell was continued as a Committee to correspond with unemployed ministers, and the Rev. J. W. Miller D.D. was added to said Committee.

S. C. & Blanks — The Stated Clerk reported that he had procured 300 instead of 500 copies of blanks for Statistical and Sessional Reports.

The Committee on the publication of the

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Dr. Miller's sermon. &c. Money turned over to Ed. Com.

presbyterial session by Rev. A. W. Miller D.D reported that the Mss. would not be furnished for publication. On motion, it was agreed to turn over the funds collected for printing said sermon, with consent of contributors, to the Committee of Education.

Names of Churches erased (minutes omitted at time of entry)

On motion, the names of Duncans Creek, Rheims Creek, and Flat Creek were erased from the roll, said Churches having either become extinct, or formed other ecclesiastical connections. (the members of these Churches, wishing to connect themselves with other churches, shall have regard to the rules of other churches, when they join, in order that they may have good regular standing in other churches)

Temp. Sup. Report

Ministers appointed as temporary supplies, being called upon, reported as to their faithfulness in fulfilling the duty.

Sess. Rec. Reports.

Committees appointed to examine Sessional Records presented their reports, which were entered upon said Records respectively.

Install Dr Parks

The Committee appointed to arrange for the installation of the Rev. G. D. Parks over the Church of Sugar Creek, reported that they had performed the duty, and recommend that said installation take place on the Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in June; that the Rev. John Douglass preside, preach the sermon and charge the pastor, that the Rev. J. M. McCaldwell be his alternate; that the Rev. D. A. Penick charge the Congregation, and the Rev. Wm. W. Phars be his alternate.

The above Report was adopted.

The following Report was presented & adopted

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To Ordain & install Mr. Kennedy

viz.

The Committee appointed to arrange for the ordination and installation of Mr. John J. Kennedy, over the Church of New Hope respectfully report and recommend, that Presbytery, when its Sessions close at Back Creek, adjourn to meet at New Hope on Friday (11 A. M.) before the 2nd Sabbath of June, for the purpose of examining Mr. John J. Kennedy as to his fitness for ordination, that if the way be open, he be then ordained and installed: that Rev. Dr. S. C. Pharr preach, preside, and ask the constitutional questions; the Rev. G. D. Parks charge the people and the Rev. Wm. McDonald charge the pastor.

Alternates - To Dr. Pharr, the Rev. John Douglass; to Rev. G. D. Parks, the Rev. Walter W. Pharr, to Rev. Wm McDonald, the Rev. R. J. Johnston -

Text for trial sermon - Johns Gospel III Chapter & 16th verse.

(Signed) R. B. Anderson
Saml. Craig } Com.

Trustees D. C.

The Committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College presented the following Report, which was received and adopted, viz

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College, beg leave to recommend the following persons to fill

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the vacancies in the Class of 1864 viz. Rev. D. A. Penick Sen Rev. G. D. Hall, Rev. G. D. Parks, Rev. A. W. Miller D.D., W. S. Harris Esqr, Dr. C. L. Hunter, Gen. D. H. Hill & Dr. J. G. Ramsay.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) R. N. Davis
Com. E. Nye Hutchison
Wm. M. Thorn

Report on Leave of Absence

The Committee on leave of absence made the following Report, which was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged, viz.

The Committee on leave of absence report that they have excused from attendance on Presbytery after Saturday 11th. 12 M. the following, viz.

Rev. Wm. M. Morrison, Rev. Jacob Hood Rev. Dr. McPhail, Rev. E. H. Rockwell, & Ruling Elders, Dr. B. W. Moore, Theoph. Cannon, R. H. Blythe, Nath. Johnston, J. R. Adams, R. W. Gibson, J. H. Stevenson, J. M. Alexander W. G. Garrison, Ezra B. Wilson, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, D. A. Davis, R. J. McDowell, Prof. J. R. Blake, Dr. J. R. C. Adams & J. D. Johnston.

After 4 P. M. Saturday, April 11th.

Rev. L. C. Miller D.D. & R. E. E. W. Hancett Thos. Brown, Richard Culbertson, L. W. Craig, R. C. Wilson & D. H. Hamilton and the Rev. W. C. Shultz.

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Respectfully submitted

(Signed) R. J. Johnston
Com. H. H. Banks
E. Nye Hutchison

Leave of absence, after to-day, was further granted to the Rev. Walter W. Thorn, & D. A. Witherspoon. R. E.

On motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet on Monday morning 9 o'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Back Creek, Monday Morning.
9 A. M. April 13th 1868.

The Presbytery met and spent a season in devotional exercises. The Roll was called and the minutes of Saturday read, corrected and approved.

Report on Minutes of Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod presented the following Report which was received and adopted, viz.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of Synod beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find the following items demanding the attention of Presbytery.

1 With reference to the cause of Publication, on pp. 7 & 8, we offer the following resolution.

That Presbytery direct its agent of Publication to forward to the Synodical Agent a

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copy of his own report to Presbytery, & the action of Presbytery on the subject, & a full report on all the matters contained in these resolutions of Synod.

2. With reference to the cause of Sustentation, pp 12, 13, we recommend the following Resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Chairman of the committee of Sustentation be directed to seek, and the ministers and Sessions of Presbytery be directed to furnish, all the facts and figures necessary to enable the Sustentation Committee to discharge fully and faithfully, all the duties imposed by the foregoing resolutions,

(Signed) D. A. Penick, Jun
Chairman Com.

Report on Temporary Supplies

The following report was presented, received, and adopted, viz:

Report on Supplies.

The committee of Sustentation recommend that the Presbytery appoint the following supplies

1 Rev. G. D. Parks, Rev. R. Z. Johnston with Wm. S. McKay R. E. of Providence, visit Wadesboro, and Lebanon churches early in May, to hold meetings and adjust difficulties

2 Rev. G. Wilson McPhail D.D. preach twice at Ramah, and administer the Sacraments.

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3 Rev. R. Burwell & Rev. Wm. McDonald spend each a Sabbath at Monroe.

4 Rev. Wm. W. Pharr spend a Sabbath and administer the sacraments at Thyatira.

5 Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell & Rev. Wm. A. Wood spend each a Sabbath at Franklin (Bowen) and administer the Sacraments.

6 Rev. G. M. Gibbs & Rev. R. H. Caldwell spend each a Sabbath at East Bend, and visit other accessible points in the County of Yadkin.

7 Rev. Walter W. Pharr preach one Sabbath at Newton & administer the Sacraments.

8 Rev. J. S. Barr one Sabbath at Newton.

9 Rev. A. W. Miller D.D. spend one Month in the Mountains of Western N. C.

10 Rev. H. H. Banks, two weeks in Macon.

11 Rev. J. Hood, one Month in Clay & Cherokee.

12 Rev J. Rumple two weeks in McDowell & Janey

13 Rev. T. E. Davis one week in Mitchell Co.

14 Rev. W. B. Watts 2 weeks in Watauga Co.

15 Request Rev. J. M. Anderson to spend 2 weeks in July

16 Rev. J. Rankin 2 Sabbaths at Happy Home.

17 Rev. E. H. Rockwell two weeks at Quaker Meadows and Lenoir.

18 Rev. J. C. Kennedy 2 Sabbaths at Newton 2 Sabbaths in S. West Mecklenburg and one Month at Mackpelah.

19 Dr. Chapman one Sabbath at Concord

20 Rev. N. Shotwell one Sabbath at or near

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Mr. Jas. Purcells, in Cleaveland.

Rev. E. H. Harding and Rev. D. A. Penick, Sen, preach each a Sabbath at Poplar Tent in the absence of the Pastor the General Assembly

22 Rev. Wm. S. Morrison one Sabbath at Mills River, and two Sabbaths at Sandhill Academy.

23 Request Rev. J. C. Sturgeon, to preach at Leicester, Mrs. Whites, and other points in Buncombe Co. as often as practicable.

24th. All others one Sabbath at discretion, & report the place and time at next meeting of Presbytery.

All Ministers fulfilling the above appointments, are directed to report by letter at once to the chairman of Sustentation, the State and prospects of said Church or Missionary field.

By order of the Committe.

(Signed) J. Rumple, Ch.

Paper on Evangelist referred

The following Paper was presented by the Rev. A. W. Miller D.D, which was received, and on motion referred to the next Meeting of Presbytery. Viz

Whereas the General Assembly has enjoined upon the Presbyteries the permanent appointment of the Evangelist, Therefore, Concord Presbytery, believing

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that its Churches are able to sustain an Evangelist, resolves to obey the injunction of the Assembly.

Com. on Bills & Rest.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no business had come into their hands, and asked to be discharged; which request was granted.

Res. on Church in Boone

The following resolution was adopted

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the erection of a house of Worship in Boone, Watauga Co. and commend this object to the generous aid of all the Churches under our care.

Rep. on Sep. Rec.

Other Committees on the Records of Sessions made reports, which were adopted, and ordered upon the records respectively.

Joppa changed to Mocksville

In compliance with a request, made by the Joppa Church, through its representation, the name of "Joppa" was changed to "Mocksville"

Thanks

The following resolution of thanks was adopted, viz.

Resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery be returned to the members of Back Creek Church, and neighboring Congregations for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the members of the Presbytery, and that the substance of this Resolution be communicated to the people, by the pastor, at his discretion.

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Order from Com. on Sys. Ben.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence was directed to compile their report from the Reports on Statistics, and forward it to the General Assembly.

Rep. Standing Com. on Sust.

The Standing Committee on Sustentation presented the following Report, which was received and adopted.

Resolved, that the following brethren shall constitute the Presbyterial Committee of Sustentation of Concord Presbytery for the ensuing year, viz.

Rev. J. Rumple, Chairman
Rev. G. D. Parks,
Rev. D. A. Penick, jun.
Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.
D. A. Davis,

Resolved that in accordance with the direction of the Synod, "that the Church members remunerate for his services", the sum of $100.00 be paid to Rev. J. Rumple, Chairman.

Resolved that the plan of the Presbyterial Committee, on the combination of 66 Churches, be adopted.

(See Paper "J" pp. 440, 441, 442.)

(Signed) A. W. Miller, Chairman

Com. on Narrative.

The Committee on the Narrative to the General Assembly, presented the following Report, which was received, adopted, & ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, viz.

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The Standing Committee on Sustentation was discharged at their own request.

M. Beall Ev. for 4 mos.

On Motion the Rev. B. L. Beall was elected the Evangelist of this Presbytery until the next regular meeting, i.e. from the 1st of June to 23rd September 1868

Roll call

The roll was called, when it was found that the Rev. J. M. McCaldwell and A. J. York, R. Es of Concord Town Church, were absent without leave.

Adjourn.

After singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at New Hope Church, on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in June 1868, at 11 o'clock A. M.

(Signed) John Douglass, Moderator,
B. L. Beall
A. T. Summey Jun. Clks.
Jethro Rumple, Stated Clerk.

Absentees

Appendix, No. 1. Absentees.

The following members of Presbytery were absent from the foregoing sessions without rendering excuse, viz.

Rev. Messrs. Daniel Lindley, R. Burwell, N. Shotwell, J. H. W. Sherman, T. E. Davis, Alex. Sinclair, John D. Wilson & Wm. M. Kilpatrick.

Report on Systematic Benevolence.

Resp. on Syst. Benev.

From the Presbytery of Concord.

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully report to the General Assembly that the subject of Systematic Benevolence has claimed their serious attention, and they hope that all their Ministers and Churches are more alive to its importance than ever before.

In consequence of the fact that one fourth of our Churches sent in an annual instead of a semi-annual reports, our Statement of the amounts contributed must be somewhat inexact. From these reports we learn, That 41 Churches contributed Sustentation $1594.00
" 26 " " Foreign Missions 568.00
" 23 " " Education 1150.00
" 19 " " Publication 303.00
" Making in all - - - - - - - $3615.00
contributed to benevolent objects in the past six months. Dividing this by 68 the number of our Churches, we have an average of $52.39, against $36.00 for the whole of last year.

Or dividing by 6346 the number of communicants, we will have an average of 53 cents against 45 cents for last year.

In addition to this strictly benevolent $3615.00
44 Churches contributed to Presbyterial Purposes 616.00
46 " Congregational " 19,396.00
20 " Miscellaneous " 1888.00

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Making a total payment of $23,515.00 to all Church purposes whatever.

The majority of our Churches take up collections for benevolent causes on the day appointed by the General Assembly. A number take up Collections on every Sabbath day in the Church. A small number also make by contributions by subscription, according to a definite plan, paying monthly, or quarterly in advance, to the Treasurer of the Congregation the funds thus contributed, being distributed among the different objects at discretion of the Session. Where this plan has been introduced, it has worked to the satisfaction of the Churches, noiselessly yielding a more liberal revenue, and enabling the Session to make their calculations beforehand, since they are able to approximate closely, and with certainty, what the Church will pay.

By the action of the Synod of N. C. the oversight of the whole subject of Systematic Benevolence, as well as that of Pastors Salaries, is committed to the care of the Presbyterial Committee of Sustentation. The accompanying resolutions of Synod and Presbytery, with the Blank form of our Committee, will furnish a detailed view of the means employed to incite our Churches to greater liberality. Time alone will unfold the efficiency of the Scheme.

Salisbury N.C. May 7th 1868. By Order of Presbytery. J. Rumple S.C.

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Report on the Narrative

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully present to the General Assembly, the following Report on the State of Religion within our bounds since our last communication with your venerable body:—

Sessional Reports have been received from 48 out of 69 churches under our care and these uniformly exhibit a thoroughness, directness and accuracy in setting forth the spiritual condition of the various Congregations, which has been unusual in former years.

In receiving these Reports, we find much cause for devout gratitude and praise to the Great Head of the Church for the manifold blessings He has vouchsafed to our Zion; and yet our rejoicing is not unmingled with humiliation and sadness, when we consider how justly He that walks among the Golden Candlesticks may utter concerning us the reproachful language "I have yet a few things against thee."

We gladly record many cheering indications of the Holy Spirit's presence among the Churches. Under the faithful ministrations of God's servants, in their various charges, many precious souls have been gathered into the Good Shepherd's fold—many spiritual warriors have been enlisted in the ranks of the Church Militant. More than one half of the Churches report additions to their numbers, usually through the silent

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energy of the Divine Spirit blessing the ordinary means of grace, whilst in 8 or 10 of them revivals of considerable extent are reported, when souls have flocked to the Church as doves to their windows.

Very commendable diligence has been manifested in nearly all the Churches in the religious instruction of children and youth. They have been gathered into Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes and catechised according to the requirements of our Standards. Oh! may the truth fully down in the soil of young and tender hearts, will yield, we trust, in God's good time, a rich and abundant harvest. ✓

Another cause of thanksgiving and encouragement is the fact that regular, weekly prayer meetings are very generally maintained in our Congregations, frequently conducted by the ruling Elders and Deacons, and in some of these instances accompanied by edifying lectures and exhortations. We bless God that He has poured out such a spirit of prayer and supplication on our people, & led them to pray for the peace of Jerusalem; and we would fain indulge the hope, that this is but the precursor of still richer blessings in store for us from Him, who has never said to the Seed of Jacob "Seek ye my face in vain."

We gratefully mention also, that the Lord has spared the lives of all our Ministers since our last report, and permitted them still to stand and toil in their respective Stations, upon the walls of Zion—

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Whilst a number of our vacancies have been supplied by preachers. And with sincere feelings of thanksgiving to the Lord of the Harvest, would we state the pleasing fact that five or six young brethren, of unusual promise have been received under our care as Candidates for the Holy Ministry; and several more, now prosecuting their studies, in an Institution under our control, purpose, if the Lord will, to devote themselves to the same blessed work. Blessed be the Lord God of Elijah, that he hath raised up Elishas upon whom our mantles may descend. May a double portion of his Spirit rest upon them!

Whilst we profess these tokens of the divine favor, we must, as faithful Chronicles, mention other facts which do not wear the same cheerful aspect. The Churches generally report that the office bearers in Christ's House-Ruling Elders and Deacons, have not come up to the full measure of their sacred duties and responsibilities. Many of the Elders cannot be accounted worthy of double honor, because they have not "ruled well." Whilst in a number of the Churches they have held religious services in the Sanctuary, in the absence of the Pastor, yet very few have been diligent in feeding the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers. The duty of pastoral visitation, and catechetical instruction from house to house, seems to have been slowly performed, or entirely neglected by them in their respective bishoprics. Thus the sphere of the Churches operations has been contracted, and Comparatively few come up to Zions solemn feasts

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This is a lamentation and shall be for a lamentation. Again, few have exercised the office of a Deacon well. They have failed in attending regularly and promptly, and punctually to the fiscal concerns committed to their management, and many of the Churches are without any deacons, and are not therefore thoroughly organized Presbyterian Churches. As a natural consequence of this neglect of duty, the great majority of our churches report themselves as deficient in the matter of Ministerial support. But few of our Pastors have received that measure of support, which they were led to expect. They are determined, however, to stand at their posts, and to endure hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and to work with their hands, if need be, that they may continue to break unto their people, the Bread of Life.

As regards the benevolent operations of the Church, we hope that we have made some progress. The Apostolic plan of weekly Sabbath Collections seems to be growing in favor, and wherever tried has been attended with surprising results. Some of our churches seem to possess the grace of giving in an eminent degree, and we note with gratitude that nearly every one that has reported has done something, however little. Yet we feel that the contributions made have fallen far behind what the Master requires at our hands, and that we need, as a Presbytery a spirit of deeper consecration to Him who has bought us with a stupendous price.

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The Presbytery has endeavored to do something towards send-
-ing the Gospel to the waste places comprised in our extensive
territory. An Evangelist has been engaged during the past
year, in encapedient and self-denying labors, in this vast
field, and the report he makes is encouraging.

The colored membership has melted away from our
churches, like snow before the rising sun. Very few now
adhere to us. They have gone off into organizations of their
own, under the influence and control of bodies foreign to
us, and all we can do is to wait, until, in the Provi-
dence of God, they shall return unto the fold from which
they have strayed.

The chastening hand of the Lord has been upon our people.
Their wealth has taken to itself wings. Debt, bankruptcy &
financial ruin, stare us already in the face. Anxieties,
domestic, social and civil, weigh down their spirits &
sorely try their faith, and patience. Yet God has not ut-
terly turned away our prayer, nor his mercy from us.
We have long received good at the hands of the Lord, and we
trust that we are willing also to receive evil in the spirit
of patience and submission. And we are sustained by the
precious hope, that whilst we are subjected to the fiery
ordeal, our Covenant keeping God himself sits by, as a
Refiner and Purifier of Silver, and that in His own
good time, "he will purely purge our dross and take away
all our tin." And it is our fervent and constant prayer
that we will make us glad according to the days wherein
he has afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) H. H. Banks, Ch. Com.

- Appendix No 2 -

Lincolnton N.C. Sept 24th 1868

The Stated Clerk was ordered to supply the following minutes of the proceedings of the last regular meeting at Back Creek Church: To wit -

The Rev Jefe Rankin was appointed to preach a sermon at the next regular meeting on the Diaconate.

J. Rumple Stated Clerk

Seminary Affairs, at Baltimore, Office, Office, Monday 1878.

Minutes, and have made Thirty four Calculations, 7 Fractions & 69 Calculations.

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Presbyterial Report to

Ministers and Licentiates	Post Offices		Churches
Thos N. Paxton, S.S.	Marion	N C	Marion, S.S.
			Siloam, S.S.
J.F.W. Fruman, V. C.	Charlotte	"	Ramah, V.
Thos E. Davis, V. C.	Marion	"	Jefferson, V.
S.C. Miller, D.D., S.S.	Taylorsville	"	Taylorsville, S.S.
			Salem, S.S.
			Hillsboro, S.S.
R.N. Davis, P.	Lincolnton	"	Lincolnton, P.
			Long Creek, P.
			Goshen, S.S.
S.C. Pharr, D.D., P.	Charlotte	"	Caldwell, P.
Jacob Stroh, S.S.	Franklin	"	Franklin (Macon), S.S.
			Ebenezer, S.S.
A.W. Miller, D.D., P.	Charlotte	"	Charlotte, P.
R.L. Beall, Evangelist	Lenoir	"	Hiwasee, V.
W.C. Steele, P.	Morganton	"	Morganton, P.
			Bulah V.
J.S. Barr, S.S.	Lincolnton	"	Enon S.S.
			Dallas S.S.
			Machpelah S.S.
G.D. Parks, P.E.	Charlotte	"	Sugar Creek P.E.
Alex Sinclair V.C.	Do	"	Sandy Plains V.
J. Rumple P.	Salisbury	"	Salisbury P.
D.A. Penick Jr. P.	Concord	"	Poplar Tent)
Wm H. Pharr P.	Coddle Creek	"	Bethphage P.

General Assembly Continued

Communicants: Added on Examination	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Total Communicants	Baptisms: Adults	Baptisms: Infants	No. of Children in Sabbath School and Bible Class	Funds Collected: Sustentation	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Presbyterial	Congregational	Miscellaneous	
		29		1	10	19	13			4			
		115			25	3	3	2	3	4	86		
		178				5					100		
		5											
	2	84			30	27				6	260		
		32											
		21											
		67		3	40	8	8		4		250		
		111		4			6			6	50		
		110								3			
11	1	222	1	7	55				4		21	7	
2		24	1	1	50	7		18		2			
	1	38				5		10		3			
9	27	238	1	16	270	330	152	150	138	50	3100	150	
		30											
		75		5	25	23	17			10	387		
		8											
7	3	121	4	7	50	22	6	6		18	183	2	
2	2	12	1	1		6	1	1		6	11	5	
		10											
30	16	242	1	6	120	95	53			15	600	193	
		8											
22	4	129	2	3	195	264	43	168	18	20	974		
9	8	182		5	60	71	15	615	7	20	420	200	
5	1	196	2	5	50	23	3	2	1	10	288		

Presbyterial Report to

Ministers and Licentiates	Post Offices	Churches
		Centre, P.
Wm. A. Wood, P. E.	Ruran Mills N.C.	Third Creek, P. E.
		Unity (Ruran), P. E.
Geo. D. Wilson	Covington Tenn	Newton, N.
E. H. Harding, P	Concord N.C.	Concord Town, P
H. B. Watts, P.	Mt. Ulla "	Back Creek, P
		Prospect, P.
R. Z. Johnston "	Providence "	Providence, P.
		Sharon, P.
R. B. Anderson, Teacher	Yorkville S. C.	Thyatira, N.
		Tiantin (Ruran), N.
Wm McDonald, P.	Charlotte N.C.	Philadelphia, P.
		Bethlehem, P.
H. H. Banks, P. — 42	Asheville "	Asheville, P.
		Swannanoa, S.S.
Licentiates — 3		
R. H. Caldwell, P. E.	Enola N.C.	Bethany, P. E.
		Fifth Creek, P. E.
Jno. J. Kennedy, P. E.	Woodlawn "	New Hope P. E.
J. C. Kennedy	Statesville "	Shiloh, N. — 49
Candidates — 8		

General Assembly Continued

Communicants: Added on Examination	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Total Communicants	Baptisms: Adults	Baptisms: Infants	Sabbath Schools: No. Sabbath Schools and Bible Class	Funds Collected: Systematic Beneficence	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Presbyterial	Congregational	Miscellaneous	
2		143			60	23	5	3		15	271		
	1	90		5	80	12	33			20	480		
3	2	112	1	10	40	23	8			16	215		
	3	27			30	8				4	155		
2	14	141	1	11	80	15	20	20	23	20	1209	186	
4	4	142	1		70	15	18	7	4	12	400	750	
4	17	331	3	11	160	24	28	9	9	15	375	10	
1	1	120		6				5		20	281		
		148		8	100			8		31	400		
1	1	182		6	110					22	197		
		48		1						3	30		
1		318		5	80	20			10	12	375	10	
		50		2	15	3				3	90	2	
2	2	85	1	2	45	32	21	21	17	10	355		
		30			50	9		4		4	107		
1	1	75		3		27					291	4	
3	3	78	2	2	64					6	300	20	
5		147	2	2		7				7	300		
8	1	110	2		35					3	200		
243	136	6546	41	215	2886	3594	568	1150	303	616	17369	1888	

New Hope, Friday, June 12th 1868.

New Hope Church, Gaston Co.
Friday June 12th 1868

Roll

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at New Hope church, Gaston Co. N. C. on Friday the 12th inst. at 11 o'clock A. M. and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. R. B. Anderson, the last Moderator present. The following members were present, viz. Rev. Messrs. R. B. Anderson, S. C. Pharr D.D. J. D. Hall, J. H. W. Freeman, Wm. McDonald, and Mr. J. W. Reid, R. E. of New Hope.

Clerk

On motion, Rev. S. C. Pharr D.D. was appointed temporary clerk.

Trial sermon

The Presbytery proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Mr. J. J. Kennedy, from the text previously assigned.

Recess

After the sermon the Presbytery took a recess to meet at Mr. J. J. Kennedy's residence, at 5 o'clock P. M. Closed with prayer.

House of Mr. J. J. Kennedy,
June 12th 1868. 5 P. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Examination.

The Presbytery proceeded to fully examine Mr. Kennedy on his motives for seeking the Ministry, on Philosophy, Church History, and the other branches, until a late hour, when it was resolved to take a recess until 6 o'clock, Saturday Morning. Closed with Prayer

Recess.

New Hope Saturday June 13th 1868

House of Mr. Kennedy
June 13th 1868, 6 P.M.

Examination completed.

The Presbytery met, and completed the examination of Mr. Kennedy, by examining him on Hebrew and Greek. On motion the examination and Sermon were sustained as satisfactory.

Caldwell accepts calls of 5th Cr. & Beth.

Mr. R. H. Caldwell signified his acceptance of the calls from Fifth Creek and Bethany Churches, placed in his hands at the last meeting of Presbytery. On motion the Rev. S. C. Pharr D.D. and the Rev. Wm. McDonald were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for his ordination and installation. The Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted, viz.

Arrangements for Ordination of R. H. Caldwell.

That Mr. R. H. Caldwell, having signified his acceptance of the calls from Fifth Creek & Bethany, the Committee would recommend that Romans V. 19, be assigned to Mr. R. H. Caldwell as a text for the trial Sermon; that Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Fifth Creek Church, on Friday, 11 o'clock, A. M. before the first Sabbath of August next, with a view (should the way be clear) to ordain Mr. R. H. Caldwell to the full work of the Ministry, and to install him Pastor of the Churches of Fifth Creek and Bethany; all the services to be conducted at Fifth Creek; and that the Rev. Walter W. Pharr preach the ordination sermon, preside, and propose the Constitutional Questions

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and that the Rev. Prof. E. F. Rockwell be his alternate; that the Rev. W. A. Wood charge the Pastor, and Rev. J. Rumple be his alternate, and that the Rev. W. B. Watts charge the people and Rev. G. M. Gibbs be his alternate.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at New Hope Church, this morning, June 13th, at 10½ o'clock, Closed with prayer.

New Hope Church, 10½ o'clock June 13th

Douglas appears

The Presbytery met. The Rev. John Douglas having appeared in Presbytery, and having given satisfactory reasons for tardiness, opened the meeting with prayer, being the last Moderator present.

Ordination & Installation

Presbytery resolved to divide the ordination & installation services—to hear the ordination sermon, and ordain the Candidate before noon, & to install him after Recess.

After the ordination services, Presbytery took a recess, and then installed the Rev. J. J. Kennedy, Pastor of New Hope Church, the Rev. S. C. Pharr D.D. being appointed to deliver the charge to the people in place of Rev. G. D. Parks absent, and the Rev. Wm. McDonald, previously appointed, charged the Pastor. After the services of the day, the Presbytery on motion, adjourned to meet at Fifth Creek on Friday before the 1st Sabbath of August 1868. 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer. J. Douglas Mod.

J. Rumple, Stated Clerk

B. B. Anderson
S. C. Pharr, Jun. Clk

Fifth Creek Friday, July 31st 1868.

Fifth Creek Church
July 31st 1868

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. W. A. Wood, the last Moderator present. Ministers present, Walter W. Pharr, G. M. Gibbs, and W. A. Wood. Ruling Elders, Andrew Gray, Bethany, J. E. Patten - Third Creek. & Dr. J. R. B. Adams (Fifth Creek)

Roll.

Recess

Presbytery took a recess till after preaching to meet at the house of Mr. Edwin Adams at 4 o'clock, P. M.

After Recess 4. P. M.

The Presbytery met at the time and place appointed. Present as above.

Examination & Sustained

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. R. H. Caldwell with a view to ordination.

Mr. Caldwell preached his trial Sermon.

Presbytery examined Mr. Caldwell, proceeding according to the order of our book.

On motion the Sermon, and the examination on the several points required were sustained as satisfactory.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at the Church, at 10 o'clock

Church, Saturday Morning
Aug. 1st 1868

Presbytery met according to adjournment

Fifth Creek Saturday, August 1st 1868

and was constituted with prayer.

Mr. J. R. Adams, R. E. from Fourth Creek, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Ordination Sermon

Presbytery then proceeded to the ordination of Mr. R. H. Caldwell. Rev. Walter W. Pharr preached the Sermon, and proposed the Constitutional questions; after which R. H. Caldwell was solemnly ordained to the full work of the Ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and duly installed Pastor of the united Congregations of Bethany and Fifth Creek.

Charges

The Rev. W. A. Wood then delivered a charge to the Pastor, and the Rev. G. M. Gibbs to the United Congregations. Mr. Caldwell's name was then Enrolled as a member of the Presbytery, and he took his seat.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church of Lincolnton on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in September 1868, 11 o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

W. A. Wood, Mod.
G. M. Gibbs, Tem. Clk
J. Rumple, State Clerk.

Lincolnton N. C. Wednesday Sept. 25th 1866

Lincolnton N. C. Presbyterian Church
Wednesday Sept 25th 1866 7 o'clock P.M.
The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Rev John Douglas, the Moderator, from Col. II: 10. "And ye are complete in him."

The Presbytery was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The Roll of Ministers and Churches was then called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present. Viz.

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Churches
J. Rankin	W. B. McLean	Unity (Lincoln Co)
D. A. Penick Sr.	J. H. Morrison	Rocky River
J. P. Johnston	A. Alexander	Hopewell
R. Burwell	J. Kirk	Mallard Creek
J. Douglass	Wm Clark	Steele Creek & Pleasant Hill
N. Shotwell	Isaac Erwin	Tyrby
E. F. Rockwell	J. A. Allison	South Creek
R. H. Chapman D.D.	J. S. Watts	Concord
Wm Graves	David Goodman	Bethesda
Walter W. Pharr	E. McLelland	Iglesia
B. M. Gibbs	J. A. Ramseur	Lincolnton and Long Creek
J. N. Paxton	W. A. Cathey	Caldwell
Thos E. Davis	E. L. Slagle	Franklin (Macon)
R. N. Davis	Robt Torrence	Olney
S. C. Pharr D.D.	M. D. Friday	Dallas
J. Hood	W. L. Harris	Poplar Tent

Lincolnton N. C. Wednesday Sept 23- 1868

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Churches
A. W. Miller D.D.	D. B. Baitlus	Newton
B. L. Beall	J. P. Stewart	Back-Creek
W. C. Shutz	J. S. Beaty	Prospect
J. S. Barr	N. C. Reid	Providence & Sharon
G. D. Parks	J. K. Graham	Thyatira
J. Rumple	D. F. Summey	Asheville
W. A. Wood	J. W. Reid	New-Hope.
E. H. Harding		
R. Z. Johnston		
R. B. Anderson		
H. H. Banks		
J. J. Kennedy		

Roll Continued

The Roll being formed, the Presbytery proceeded to the election of Officers, which resulted in the choice of the Rev H. H. Banks as Moderator and Rev B. L. Beall and Dr D. F. Summey as temporary Clerks.-

Officers elected

On motion the Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning nine o'clock. a.m. Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning- Sept 24- 1868- 9.00 a.m. Presbytery met according to adjournment and spent a season in devotional exercises. The roll was called & the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A. E. enrolled

A. Burgin- R. E. from Swannanoa Church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat-

Corresponding members.

Rev T. M. Faucette of Orange Presbytery & Rev J. C. Williams of the Pres'y of South Carolina being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.-

Lincolnton N. C. Sept 24- 1868- Thursday-

Minutes read & corrected.

Minutes of the last stated meeting of Presbytery, at Back Church, and of the adjourned meetings at New-Hope & Fifth Creek Chs, were read & corrected.-

Reports Supplies

Members of Presbytery, appointed as temporary supplies, reported, and it appeared that the appointments had, in the main, been fulfilled.-

Report of Absentees

Absentees from the last stated meeting of Pres'y presented reasons for absence, which were sustained.-

Correction of Minutes in regard to Duncan's Creek Flat Creek & Reimi Creek Chs.

The Stated Clerk of Presbytery was directed to amend the minutes of last Stated Meeting, by adding to the resolution striking the names of Duncan's Creek, Flat Creek and Reimi's Creek Churches from the Roll of our churches, the following- And that members of these Churches, wishing to do so, be received by the Sessions of our churches when there is satisfactory evidence of their former good & regular standing in those Churches See page 450

Reception of Rev J. C. Williams

A Certificate of dismissal of Rev Jno C. Williams from the Pres of S. C. to the Pres of Concord was read; & after examination, Rev J. C. Williams was received as a member of this Pres; & his name ordered to be enrolled-

Call

A Call from Hopewell Ch for the Pastoral services of Rev J. C. Williams, for the whole of his time

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Lincolnton N. C. Thursday Sept 24. 1868.

from Hopewell for Rev J. C. Williams

promising to him the sum of seven hundred dollars in currency, in quarterly payments, together with a comfortable & commodious House, a sufficient ample glebe, out buildings & fuel, was read, & being found irregular, was refused to a Com: consisting of Rev R. N. Chapman D. D. Rev J. L. Bass & J. Erwin R. E. to report thereon.

Com's appointed

The following Committees were announced. viz.
On Bills & Overtures - Rev Jno Douglas & Elder A. Allison
Judicial Com: - Rev R. C. Shultz, Rev Wm Evans & J. Erwin.
Narrative to Synod - Rev E. N. Harding & E. McLelland
On Minutes of Gen: Assembly - Rev A. W. Miller D.D. & W. S. Harris.
On Devotional Exercises - Rev R. N. Davis & J. A. Ramsaur.

Candidate rec'd Douglass

Mr Chas Mobley Douglass member of Bethsada Ch: Bethel Pres: N. C. was introduced to Pres: by Rev R. B. Anderson, with a view of placing himself under the care of this Pres: as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. He was examined as to his evidences of Experimental piety & views for seeking the Ministry. This examination was sustained & he was accordingly received under the care of this body, as Beneficiary, & directed to prosecute his studies at Davidson College, under the control of the Com: of Education.

Rev Ingold Cor: Member

Rev J. Ingold of the Classis of N. C. being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

Appointment of

A Paper from Rev A. D. Montgomery, member of Augusta Pres: was read, stating reasons for not being able to meet with us and to present to us his certificate of dismissal, & asking to be

a Commission to examine Rev A. D. Montgomery

recieved as a member of this Pres: A Commission, consisting of Rev J. Rumple & Wm Murdock R. E. was appointed to examine the Rev A. D. Montgomery, & if the way be open, to receive him into as a member of this Pres:—

New Members Appear

Rev R. H. Morrison D. D. Rev J. D. Hall, & R. Eldridge Jno A. Young, Wm Murdock, J. M. Caldwell, Jno E. Poston & J. E. Moore appeared in Pres: & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Letter from Rev W. McDonald

A letter from the Rev Wm McDonald was read assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from this meeting of Presbytery.

Rev J. M. M. Caldwell dismissed

Rev J. M. M. Caldwell was dismissed at his own request to connect himself with Pres: of Orange.

Wm Murdock Treas: of Sustentation pro tem:

Mr Wm Murdock was appointed Treasurer pro tem: of Sustentation Committee.

Order of the day for Mission:

The Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was made the order of the day for tomorrow, 10 o'clock a. m.

Omission in minutes of last Stated Meeting supplied

The Omission in the minutes of last stated Meeting, relative to the appointment of Rev J. Rankin to preach a Sermon on The Diaconate, at the present meeting, was ordered to be supplied by the Stated Clerk. (See Appendix No 2. page 47th)

Sermon on Diaconate preached by Rev J. Rankin

It was made the order of the day, to hear the Sermon on The Diaconate by Rev Jesse Rankin, to-day at 7 o'clock P. M.

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Report of Com on Papers Call from Hopewell Church

The following report from the Com on the Call from Hopewell Church, for the Pastoral services of Rev J. C. Williams, was read and adopted & is as follows: Viz.

The Com, to whom was referred the Papers & Call from Hopewell Church asking the Pastoral services of the Rev John C. Williams, would report great irregularities in said Call -- they recommend that the Papers be respectfully returned to Hopewell Ch for the correction of the said irregularities - they further recommend that an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery be held at Hopewell Church on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in October (prox) at 3 o'clock P. M. to attend to & conclude this whole matter - & they recommend, if the way be clear for the Installation then, that it take place on Saturday before the 3d Sab of October at 11 o'clock A. M. That Rev R. Burwell preside & propose the constitutional questions, with Rev D. A. Penick Alt to be his Alternate - That Rev A. W. Miller D. D. preach the sermon & deliver the charge to the people - Rev E. H. Harding his alternate - That Rev John Douglas deliver the charge to the Pastor - Rev R. S. Johnston his alternate -

Respectfully Submitted
Robt Heth Chapman
Chairman

Conference on State of Religion

It was made the first order of the afternoon session of today to have a Free Conversation on the state of religion within our bounds.

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Rev J. C. W. excused

Leave of absence from the sessions of Presbytery after this morning was granted to Rev J. C. Williams.

Thanks for use of M. E. Ch

The use of the Methodist E. Church of this place was offered to the Presbytery, accepted & the thanks of Pres returned -

M. T. Reinhardt received as candidate

Mr Melmoth Franklin Reinhardt, member of College Ch was introduced to the Pres by Rev R. N. Davis, to be received, if the way be open, as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. He was examined on experimental piety & motives for seeking the Ministry, received under the care of Pres & directed to prosecute his studies at Davidson College -

Place & Time for Next Meeting

Caldwell Ch was chosen as the place & Thursday before the 1st Sabbath of May 1869. 11 o'clock A. M. as the time, for the next stated meeting of Presbytery -

Recess

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M. -

- After Recess -

New Members appear

Presbytery met - Dr A. X. Johnson & J. P. Bates, Ruling Elders & Rev J. A. W. Thomas, appeared in Pres & gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness -

Conference

The Order of the day was taken up & Free Conference on the state of religion within our bounds was held - This business was suspended & Pres took a recess until 7 o'clock P. M. -

- After Recess -

Order of Sabbath

Pres met & attended to the hearing of the Sermon on the Diaconate by Rev J. Rankin -

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The Conference on state of religion was then resumed & concluded -

Death of J. D. Wilson & W. B. Watts announced - Com' of inquiries & prepare Minute -

It was announced that since the last stated Meeting, the Rev J. D. Wilson & Rev W. B. Watts, members of this body, had been taken away from among us by death. A Com' consisting of Rev R. S. Johnston, Rev W. A. Wood & J. L. Beaty was appointed to bring in a Minute relative to this death. -

Order of Day

It was made the order of the day for tomorrow at 9½ o'clock A.M. to hear the report of the Chairman of the Com' of Sustentation, in connexion with the letter from Rev J. L. Wilson D. D.

Action postponement of Synod

On Motion, Presbytery gave its unanimous consent to the postponement, for one or two weeks, of the meeting of Synod, at the discretion of the Moderator of Synod & the Church in Wilmington -

Order of Day

It was made the order of the day for tomorrow. 3½ o'clock P. M. to hear the report of the Evangelist - Presbytery adjourned until 8½ a.m. tomorrow - Closed with Prayer.

Adjourned

Friday - Sept 25 - 8½ A. M.

Presbytery met & spent a season in devotional exercises - The Roll was called & the minutes of yesterday were read & corrected. -

Report of Chairman of Sustentation

The Chairman of the Com' of Sustentation Rev J. Rumple - presented his report, which was received and together with the accompanying papers, was referred to a Com' consisting of Revs A. M. Miller D. D. D. A. Penick & B. L. Ball & Elders Wm Murdock & A. C. Reid.

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The Agent of Pres'n Foreign Missions Rev R. S. Johnston - presented his report, which was received, approved & is as follows - Viz

To the Presbytery of Concord -

Your Agent for Foreign Missions respectfully reports: That so far as he has been able to collect information from his own accounts & the published reports of the Assembly's Treasurer of Foreign Missions, there has been contributed to that cause from this Presbytery, since the 1st of November 1867 the sum of $750.51 - Viz -

		#	ct.
Prospect Church gave		28	00
Back - Creek	"	18	35
Bethlehem	"	1	75
Castanea Grove	"	8	00
Unity (Lin.)	"	17	50
Libanon	"	3	25
South Creek	"	13	45
Bethphage	"	9	10
Salisbury	"	119	31
Poplar Tent	"	15	00
Rocky River	"	14	00
Lincolnton	"	8	50
Long - Creek	"	6	00
Concord Town	"	20	00
Stak Creek	"	68	00
Dallas	"		65
Zion	"	3	00
Mocksville	"	5	00

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		$	cts
	Centre Ch. proc	10	00
	Concord " "	1	50
	Providence (monthly collection)	3	70
	Bethany "	4	25
	Asheville	45	50
	Swannanoa	5	20
	Philadelphia	6	00
Report on F. Mission Continued	Marion	12	75
	Davidson's River	8	35
	Charlotte	134	30
	Hendersonville	6	35
	Dunciella		30
	Ebenezer	2	00
	Franklin (macon)	3	80
	Lenoir	10	00
	Sugar Creek	65	00
	Rev. J. P. Johnston	5	00
	Friend of Cause	5	00
	Poplar Tent Ladies Benevolent Society	8	00
	Silver Creek Chapel		75
	— For Mission Schools in China —		
	Davidson College S. S. Children gave	8	00
	Statesville " "	14	00
	Charlotte " "	25	00
	Providence " "	4	00
	Sharon " "	2	30
	Sundry S. Children on the Swannanoa	1	00
		$751.	51

There is more cause for encouragement than we had last year. About one half of our church

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have contributed to this great work during the last year. About one fourth of our Churches contributed this year before. It will be observed that only such of the Churches as have regular Pastors or Supplies, have done any thing for the cause of Fr. Missions - a fact which does not justify the charge, so often made against our ministers, that they do not present the claims of the Ch. to their people. Our Churches have not done their full share in this great work - have come far below it - yet they have improved very much during the past year. We ought thankful & full encouraged; & as the Lord seems to be smiling upon even our feeble efforts - causing the Churches of our Southern Organization more highly to appreciate this work than any other, as appears from their more liberal & uniform contributions; & putting it into the hearts of so many of our Candidates for the Ministry to go abroad in Fr. Lands; & opening up to us such a wide & inviting field in the vast empires of China & Japan, we ought to strive together here & wherever we go, to increase the contributions for carrying on this great work. This is indeed the great work of the Church. The Master has always bestowed his richest favors upon the Missionary Church. In conclusion, Your Agent would suggest for adoption & to Pastors

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the following resolution- Viz-

Resolved That this Presbytery, with feelings of gratitude to the great Head of the Church for His blessing upon upon the efforts of our Southern Zion to send the Gospel to the West then, will endeavour to be still more diligent in using all Scriptural & wise means to foster a growing interest on this subject, in our congregations, pronouncing a blessing upon all who assist us in obeying the great commission "Go ye into all the world preach the Gospel to every creature"-

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) R. Z. Johnston- Agt. F. Miss.

Election of Stated Clk.

Rev J. Rumple- Stated Clerk- offered his resignation of the office, which was accepted, & the thanks of Presbytery returned for his faithful services- The Rev R. Z. Johnston was then unanimously elected Stated Clerk-

Overture

The following Overture from the Ch' at Asheville was referred to the Com' on Bills & Overtures. Viz- "How long a period shall usually intervene between the suspension of a Member under censure & his excommunication."

The Agent for Publication- Rev D. J. Parks- presented his report, which together with accompanying resolutions, was received & adopted, viz as follows. Viz

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Report on Publication & Colportage-

To the Pres' of Concord-

1 Financial-

During the last twelve months the following contributions have been made from Churches & individuals

	$	ct.		$	ct.
Asheville Ch gave	10		Caldwell	3	95
Philadelphia	2	50	Fourth Creek	6	90
Salem	2	90	Bethphage	1	00
Salisbury	46	65	Poplar Tent	7	00
Rocky River	23	45	Concord (Town)	23	55
Castanea Grove	3		Dallas		65
Unity (in Lin)	6		Sugar Creek	40	00
Davidson River	4	85	Miss E. C. Brown	25	00
Hendersonville	2	55	Mocksville	5	00
Siloam	3	00	Miss M. Grier	5	00
Salisbury	18	07	Union	10	00
Centre	2	75	Morganton	7	00

In looking over this list of Churches it is seen that some of the feeblest have contributed their mite, while the names of some of the strongest are not found- have done nothing at all. And the question forces itself upon us. if the weakest can give 50 ct would not the stronger do something, if the cause was faithfully presented to them? Notwithstanding this failure on the part of many of the churches, there is cause for thankfulness & encouragement in the increasing of the number of the churches contributing & in the amount contributed

to this object. From the close of the war up to April 1867 only twelve of our congregations gave anything to Publication. The total contributed was $189. From April 1867 up to the fall- meeting of the same year 16 Churches contributed $165: 5-5-
And during the year (ecclesiastical) 22 Churches have sent up contributions amounting to $257.77-

Report on Publication Continued

2. Colportage.

Your Agent, until a few months past, was unable to secure the services of a suitable person in this work. Arrangements were made last Spring with Mr Cyrus N. Hutchison to take up the work during vacation in College. Accordingly a Commission for him having been secured, a lot of books ordered ready for him, he entered the field with encouraging success, having disposed of about $300 worth of books in a few weeks
And it is hoped an arraingement will soon be effected with the Com at Richmond, by which Mr Hutchison will be able to continue the work in a certain way, without interfering with his studies, at the same time very materially assist the Churches in securing a Supply of Books.-

The services of Mr J. A. Summey at Asheville as Agent to sell our books will also secured a lot of books sent on to him, 300 vols of which have been disposed of in Asheville & surrounding Churches.

Donations of Books from the Com at Richmond were secured for the benefit of Sunday Schools in the Churches Swannanoa- $30 worth- Hendersonville, Davidson's River, Mills River, $100 worth-

Sabbath Schools- Libraries- Distributions- Colporteur Agent, anticipating an order (which he supposed Pres would issue in accordance with an injunction of Synod) to furnish information upon the above mentioned points, addressed a circular to the Sessions of our Churches with the view of securing the necessary facts.
In answer, reports were received from — churches and the information thus received is presented in the following table-

Churches	Pupils in S.S.	Teachers	Library no Vols Cons 100 U.S.	Source of Supply	No of Copies C. Board	Books & Tracts sold & distributed
Steele Creek	150	17	232	Old Board	40	
Pleasant Hill	36	4			24	
Back Creek	75	7			50	
Asheville	45	9	300	Book Agt & B.P.U.	40	
Poplar Tent	70	7			52	A few Tracts
Sugar Creek	107	13	100	A.P.U. Board of Pub	30	Books now sent to Agt
Bethesda	50	10	75-	A.P.U.	5	
Fourth Creek	106	17	450	various sources	24	
Centre	60	6			16	
Prospect	90	9			30	
R. River	160	17	300	Board of Pub	36	
Mocksville	35	6	125	Richmond	20	Some Tracts dis
Linoir	56	14	350	Bd Pub	40	5 doz books sold
Providence	30	5	some	Pres Board A.P.U.	1	
Olney	37	8	60	Pres Board	40	
Dallas	41	4	100	A.P.U.		
Morganton	27	9	books a few		12	
Concord Town	85	10	-	Just beg	-	
Salisbury	120	34	250	Richmond	75	50 Hy books for sale

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Churches	Pupils	Teachers	Library	Coll'n	C. Fund	Books, Tracts &c
Lincolnton	40	11	200	24.00	25	
Long Creek	45	8	400 vols	8.00	25	
Charlotte	100				110	Some books & tracts
Hendersonville	35	5	50	8.00	15	Some "
D. River	25	6	50	"	18	
M. River	120	12	75	9.40	20	Some tracts distributed
				8.50		
Total	2000	297	3142		749	

Another point on which information was asked through this circular was, as to the existing demand for our books in the congregations: the almost unanimous answer that comes up to us is, that books are needed, but no money with which to buy them.- Another fact of no small importance learned through the answers to the circulars is that scarcely anything has been done during the last 12 mos in the distribution of books & tracts in our Churches

Our Com' keeps always on hand a large supply of most valuable tracts- 1000 pages of which can be had for one dollar: where this small amount could not be spared for the purchase of tracts, they could be had as a donation so that there is no congregation that could not secure a supply for general distribution. And considering the great good that has been done in this way through the blessing of God on it, it is strange that it is so much neglected.

-Resolutions-

1 Considering the necessity of money & the need that exists for books, Resolved That Pres

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earnestly recommend to the Churches under its care to make vigorous efforts to secure Libraries of our books for S. S. purposes & for the general use of the congregation. as by this plan each family for a small sum can secure a large amount of valuable reading.

2- That Presbytery, impressed with the belief that much good may be done by the distribution of books & tracts, does earnestly urge Ministers, office bearers & private members male & female, to make faithful use of this mode of carrying the word of life to all the high ways & hedges within their reach.-

(Signed) G. D. Parks. Agent

It was further resolved that the Churches which have not reported to the Agent of Publication be enjoined to do so immediately.

The following resolution was adopted. viz

Resolved. That while Presbytery regards the Assembly's Com' on Publication as faithful in the discharge of the important duties committed to their hands so far as it relates to the employment of funds at their disposal; & while Presbytery gladly concedes to the Com' the praise of having accomplished much by the little means, which they have had at their command; yet this Presbytery feels constrained to express its conviction that the business department- especially relating to the filling of orders for books, papers &c- is subject to the charge of serious carelessness & neglect.

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Com on division of Presbytery

A Com consisting of Revs A. W. Miller, E. H. Harding, R. H. Chapman, R. N. Davis & R. Elders Jno A. Young & D. H. Summey, was appointed to consider the whole subject of a division of this Presbytery & report as soon as practicable-

Reconsideration of Place of Meeting

On motion, the selection of the place for the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery, was reconsidered: & Castania Grove was chosen as the Place & Thursday before the 1st Sat in May 1869 11 o'clock A.M. as the Time, for holding the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery-

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

-After Recess-

Presbytery met- Leave of absence was granted to Rev E. H. Rockwell, after today- also to Rev J. E. Davis R.E. J. A. Allison- Rev E. H. Rockwell & Dr W. B. McLean were appointed a Com to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Publication.-

E. H. Harding made Agt of Publ

Rev D. D. Parks offered his resignation of the office of Agent & Treasurer of Publication, which was accepted & the thanks of Pres' returned for his services; & the Rev E. H. Harding was elected to fill his place.-

Treas Report

Rev R. N. Davis- Treasurer of Presbytery- submitted his report which was received & Rev W. A. Mood & G. A. Young appointed to audit his accounts.

Revs R. N. Davis, J. Rumple & W. S. Harris (A.C.) were appointed a Com to revise the apportionment on the Churches.

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Hiwasse & Dunlap's request granted

A request from Hiwasse & Dunlap Churches for permission to employ supplies to be furnished by the Evangelist of Augusta Presbytery was presented & granted; & a request from the same Chs for aid was referred to the Sustentation Com'-

Report of Evangelist

The Evangelist- Rev B. L. Beall- presented his report which was accepted & approbation of his services expressed.-

The Com' appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Publication presented a report, which was received, adopted & is as follows. viz

The Com' appt to audit the accounts of the Treas of Publication- Rev D. D. Parks- report they have attended to the duty & find He has received $259, of which he has paid out upon proper vouchers $232, leaving in his hands $27- (Signed) E. H. Rockwell, W. B. McLean } Com

Report of Com on Rutherfordton Presb Ch

The Com' appointed to visit the Church of Rutherfordton & adjust difficulties, submitted a report, which was approved & the Com' discharged. The report is as follows., viz

Committee of Presbytery met at the Parlor of Rev H. Shotwell on the 20th July 1868- present the Chairman & Rev H. H. Banks- absent E. Jones Esqr Com. The Com' constituted with prayer The Elders of Rutherfordton & the Rev H. Shotwell being present with the Com' a paper marked "A" was read & the Com' proceeded to its consideration-

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1 -Arrearages-

Them commenced in the year 1861 & 62 & have been continued to go on & increase up to this time. Shewing the following balances - viz

Sept/62 - 56.46
Sept 63 - 65.80
Sept 64 - 188.50
Sept 65 - 400.01
Sept 66 - 431.07
Sept 67 - 138.84
Sept 68 - 224.10
$1534.77

This amount the Rev R. Shotwell proposes to credit to the money received from the Sustentation fund - 187.50 - leaving a balance still due without interest of $1347.77.

If to this you add interest it is agreed on to be at least 225. Shewing an amount now due of $1572.27-

The Church at Rutherfordton is sadly changed, being greatly reduced in worldly means. It has wholly lost a permanent fund which it once possessed & which sufficed to meet 25 per cent of its liabilities. They express great respect for the Pastor, with gratitude for his past services, but express their utter hopeless inability to meet their engagements, & desire that this relation be so changed for the time to come, that their indebtedness may not increase. With a view to relieve the Church & to supplement his

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support, the Pastor has ceased ministrations by day in their midst except on the 5th Sabbaths of the months: & has given the Church at Rutherfordton credit for what he has received elsewhere for his ministrations for this portion of the time which by the terms of the Call belongs to them. - Your Com are unable to suggest a remedy adequate to the relief of the Pastor & the people. But content themselves with reporting to the Presbytery all the facts for their wise & proper decision. - (Signed) Robt Hall Chapman
Chairman

The Com on the minutes of the Gen'l Assembly submitted a report which was received, adopted viz as follows: Viz

The Com on Minutes of Gen'l Assembly respectfully report, that they find the following items claiming the attention of the Presbytery

On reports of the labors of Evangelists -

"It is to be lamented, that the Presbyteries have failed so generally to report to the Assembly the Evangelistick labors with their respective bounds, inasmuch as it is believed (if we take the reports that have been rendered as samples of the whole) a mass of information would have been presented before the eye of the Assembly, exhibiting an amount of destitution, never known in this land before, & an amount of self-denial

in the work of the Gospel, exhibiting the Spirit of the Master, drawn forth by these hitherto unusual circumstances, exceedingly impressive. The Assembly reiterates the injunction of the last Assembly on the Presbyteries, to appoint an Evangelist or Evangelists, to supply the destitute places within their bounds."

Report on Minutes of Gen'l Assy

—On Presbyterian Schools—

Resolved. That our people be urged to establish & encourage schools & Colleges under Presbyterian influence, & be earnestly advised not to send their children to schools where they are likely to be estranged from their own Church." P 266—

—On Sabbath Schools—

"Our Presbyteries are enjoined to see that Sabbath schools in the Churches & mission schools under the care of the Churches, be established in all cases where it is possible & practicable, & also to send up annually special reports of the extent & character of the Sabbath School work within their bounds" P 269

"—On Education of Candidates for the Ministry—

While there is a commendable increase in the contributions of the past year, it is to be deeply regretted that many of our congregations have done nothing for this cause, & that the Presbyteries are hereby enjoined to take efficient measures to bring this great subject before the attention of every

Church member, that each may do something for its advancement according as God gives the ability. We renew the injunction of the last Assembly, that all of our Presbyteries should send each year to the central agency a full report of their operations in time for the annual report of that Committee to the Genl Assembly." P 271

On Irregular Removals of Pastors.

"Whereas the permanent relationship of the Pastor to his people is one of the distinctive & most cherished features of the Presbyterian Church, & whereas, the frequent removal to other fields of labor by regularly installed Ministers without complying with the rules laid down by our our Book of Church Government, & obtaining the consent of their respective charges, demands the serious consideration of this body, therefore be it Resolved. By the Genl Assembly, that the Synods & Presbyteries within its jurisdiction be enjoined to require, in future, a more rigid adherence to the rules & decisions of the Church regulating the Pastoral relationship & the mode of its dissolution" P 272—

On Depositories

"It is recommended to the Presbyteries to make arrangements, wherever practicable, by depositories or otherwise for the introduction of the books & publications of the Committee within their bounds" P 273—

Report on Minutes of Gen'l Assy Continued

"- On Sustentation -

"The Assembly learns with great sorrow, that in consequence of the impoverishment of many parts of the Country, numbers of our ministers are compelled in part at least, to leave the work of the Ministry, that through secular pursuits they may gain a support, & that as a result of this, religion languishes & our Church is retrograding. It is therefore, enjoined upon the Presbyteries concerned, that they at once ascertain & fix the minimum amount required for the support of a laboring minister, & that they use diligent efforts to provide the same. The Com'n of Sustentation is directed to co-operate herein to the extent of their ability, provided that the sum so designated shall not exceed the amount of $600. In lieu of the appropriation of five per cent of the Sustentation Fund, it is enjoined upon the Presbyteries to have a collection taken up in all the Churches, on the 1st Sab'th in July, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, for a relief Fund, which shall be devoted to the relief of disabled ministers, & of widows & orphans of Ministers deceased. These collections are to be forwarded to the Treasurer of Sustentation & disbursed according to the discretion of the Committee

upon application made through the Presbyterial Standing Com'n of Domestic Missions" P 278

- On the Monthly Concert -

"Monthly Concerts of Prayer should be heartily sustained in all of our Churches, where they have been established, & should be commenced where they do not now exist; & that regular collections should be taken up at such meetings in addition to the annual collections for this object, as heretofore advised & urged by the Assembly." P 276

On training of Youth to habits of Christian Benevolence

"The training of our children & youth to habits of Christian benevolence & to a familiar acquaintance with the Missionary operations of our Church, is a matter of high importance to them & the cause of Christ. Therefore Resolved that the Superintendents & Teachers of our Sabbath Schools in co-operation with Pastors, be urged to bring the subject of Foreign Missions before their respective Schools & Classes frequently & to invite regular monthly offerings for this cause." P 276.

Conditions of receiving aid from the Sustentation Com'n

"Whereas, the contributing of our substance is not an optional, but a necessary part of the worship of God, a fruit & evidence & means of grace, without which

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a Scriptural piety cannot be maintained & developed. Therefore as a means of hastening a wider practical recognition of these truths throughout our whole Church, be it resolved that all appropriations hereafter made by the Com' of Sustentation in aid of Pastors Supplies, Missionaries & evangelists, shall be subject to the two following conditions in addition to those already embodied in the By-Laws of the Committee already approved by the Assembly-

1 That the Pastor, Supply or Evangelist shall, at least once a year, in a discourse exclusively devoted to the subject, set before each of the Churches & Missionary Stations regularly ministered to by him, the duty of worshipping God with our substance as He has prospered us.

2. That the said Ministers shall, in co-operation with the Sessions (if there be one) see to it that in each of the congregations ministered to by him at regular periods, at least once a general collection, however small be taken up for each of the four great benevolent operations of the Church" O.P. 278, 279

Respectfully submitted
(Signed)
A. W. Miller
W. S. Harris } Com'

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Candidates- Rankin & Towel rec'd-

Mr John C Towel, member of Unity Church & Mr Joseph Kerr Rankin, member of Lenoir Church, were introduced to Presbytery by Rev J. Rankin, with the view of placing themselves under the care of this body as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry. They were examined as to their experimental piety & motives for seeking the ministry. The examination was sustained & they were received under the care of this body- Mr J. K. Rankin was directed to prosecute his studies at Davidson College & Mr J. C. Towel was received as a Beneficiary & directed to prosecute his studies at Lenoir N. C.

R. E. have leave of absence-

Leave of absence after today was granted to W. B. McLean & W. S. Harris-

Com on Leave of Absence.

Rev R. B. Anderson, R. H. Chapman D. D. & Wm Murdock were appointed a Com on Leave of Absence-

Paper & Substitute on Evangelist

The paper, with reference to the office of Evangelist, which was laid over from the last Meeting of this body, was taken up (see minutes of last Meeting of Pres' 1868). And a substitute for this paper was offered & discussed. Pending which discussion Presbytery took recess until 4 P. M-

- After Recess-

Referred to Special Com'

Presbytery met & resumed the consideration of the continuing the office of the Evangelist. The subject was finally referred to a Special Com', consisting of Revs J. Rankin & J. Currie & Wm Murdock- Presbytery adjourned till 9 A.M. tomorrow. Closed with prayer.

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Presbytery met & spent a season in devotional exercises. Roll was called. Minutes of yesterday were read, amended & approved.

Resolution in regard to Publishing Sermon on Diaconate

On motion it was Resolved That the Rev. request Rev J. Rankin to furnish for publication, in the N. C. Presbyterian, a copy of his sermon, on the Diaconate, & that the Agent of Publication be directed to correspond with the Secretary of Publication at Richmond, with reference to publishing it as a Tract.—

Wood to preach on Pastorate.

Rev Wm A. Wood was appointed to preach a sermon before Presbytery at the next Stated Meeting, on The Pastorate.—

Audit of Treasurers accts

The Comt appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Pres', presented a report which was received & is as follows— Viz

"The Comt appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of Concord Pres', have performed their duty, & report. That they find the Treasurer has received during the past year from various sources, the sum of $425.25
and disbursed as shown by regular vouchers 295.92
Leaving a balance in his hands of $129.33

all of which is respectfully submitted
(Signed) W. A. Wood. Chm

Desk for Stated Clk

On motion it was Resolved That seven ($7) dollars of the Presbytery's funds be appropriated to the purchase of a suitable Desk for the use of the Stated Clerk—

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Letter fr McPhail

A letter from D. N. McPhail D. D. was read assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present sessions of this body.—

Reports from the Commissioners to the Genl Assembly were presented & accepted.—

Com on Bills & Overtures report

The Com on Bills & Overtures presented the a report which was accepted & is as follows: Viz.

The Com on Bills & Overtures to whom was referred the following overture Viz. "How long a period should usually intervene between the suspension of a member under censure & his excommunication": feel it difficult, & if not impossible, to give a categorical answer to this overture— In all offenders against the peace & order of the Church, there are certain features or aggravations in their offence which must determine their nature & criminality. The discipline of the Church, strictly contemplates but two forms of punishment. viz. Admonition or rebuke & Excommunication. Suspension is conditional or temporary— Excommunication implies a probation & affords time for repentance & being restored back to the privileges of the Church, which Excommunication forbids. Punishment by suspension is indefinite as to time— "Will he give satisfactory evidence of repentance?" Your Com would therefore answer this overture by saying. That each Session must be regulated, in their decision

by the circumstances or aggravations of the case & left to act as their wisdom & judgment shall dictate.-

The Com appointed to prepare a minute relative to the death of Rev J. D. Wilson & Rev N. B. Watts. presented a report, which was approved viz as follows viz.

Minute on death of Revs J.D. Wilson & N. B. Watts

The Com appointed to prepare a minute of the death of Revs J. D. Wilson & N. B. Watts report as follows: The Presbytery learns with profound sorrow the death of these two most highly esteemed brethren. They were men of great strength of character, removed from abundant labors in the prime of life.

They were our own sons- born & schooled within our own bounds- graduated by our own College (in the class of 1854)- licensed & ordained to the Holy Ministry by our own Presbytery. They were working men- worked where the Lord called them & as humble, wise & zealous Presbyters- proved themselves worthy of double honor, always faithful in the discharge of their high & holy obligations, imposed by their ordination vows & the confidence of this Presbytery & the people to whom they ministered. Lovely in their lives, useful in their ministry, happy in their death, they have gone, we confidently believe to enjoy the Christians reward, "where the wicked cease from troubling & the weary are at rest."

Resolved: That a Com consisting of Rev E. F. Rockwell

Rev N. A. Wood & Dr J. R. B. Adams. be appointed to prepare a Biographical Sketch of Bro Wilson; & a Com consisting of Rev J. Rumple. Wm N. Pharr & R. Elder Jas S. Beaty be appointed to prepare a similar sketch of Bro Watts.-

Resolved: That Presbytery extend to the families of our deceased brethren, its sympathies, praying the Lord to bless them & take care of them.-

Resolved: That a copy of this minute be sent to the families of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Com { R. S. Johnston, N. A. Wood, J. S. Beaty

The Com on the office of Evangelist presented a report, which was received. Pending the discussion of this report, Presbytery took a recess until after divine service.-

After divine service, the discussion was resumed. A communication from the Session of Ramah Church was read & placed in the hands of the Com on Bills & Overtures. Rev J. R. Paxton & J. S. Watts were added to this Com. Presbytery took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.-

After recess, Presbytery met

Leave was granted to Rev N. A. Wood to retain until the next Stated meeting of Bro the calls from Third Creek & Unity (Rowan) Churches

The Com' appointed to install Rev G. D. Parks as Pastor of Sugar Creek Ch: reported that they had done so. at the time disignated.

The Com' on Bills & Overtures reported touching the communication from the Session of Ramah Ch', Their report was adopted viz as follows: viz.

Action in regard to Ramah Church

The Com' on Bills & Overtures, to whom the letter from T. H. Hamilton, on behalf of the Sessⁿ of Ramah Ch: was referred, woul recommend the following course to be pursued by Ramah Ch: in regard to the disaffected portions who have gone off & connected themselves with the Dorland organization, if they regard his as a church, nothing more remains than to strike from your list of members their names & inform them they have no more voice or control in the management of your church matters. If they have not formed such a connection, & still claim to be of Ramah Church. In that event, your Com' recommend that Rev G. D. Parks, Wm H. Pharr & Elder D. S. Caldwell be a Com' of this body to go confer with the Elders & members of that Church with a view of having their difficulties healed or adjusted, at as early a day as practicable.-

The following report on supplies was presented, accepted, amended & adopted viz as follows: viz.

Report on Supplies

The Com' of Sustentation respectfully nominate the following list of supplies.-

1 That Revs R. F. Johnston & A. W. Miller & W. S. Harris Esq. be a Com' to visit Anson Co & endeavour to adjust differences at Lebanon.

2- Revs Messrs D. A. Penick Sr. & J. Douglass preach each a Sabbath at or near Dr J. L. Blair's & once at Monroe during their trip.

3 Rev R. H. Morrison D. D. & Rev J. D. Hall preach at Mashpelah- the former one Sabbath. the latter. two.

4 Rev S. C. Pharr spend one Sabbath at Thyatira & one at Concord Church & administer the ordinances.-

5 Rev J. Rumple 1 Sab' at Franklin Ch

6 Revs Wm W. Pharr & J. D. Hall each a Sab' at at Ramah & administer the ordinances.-

7 Rev Wm A Wood & H. Harding each a Sab' at Back- Creek & administer the ordinances.

8 Revs S. D. Parks & J. C. Williams & R. H. Chapman & J. S. Barr. each a Sab' at Prospect & administer Sacraments.-

9- Rev E. F. Rockwell 1 Sab' at Concord & 1 at Shiloh-

10 Rev R. H. Caldwell 1 Sab' at Shiloh & administer ordinances

11 Rev W. W. Pharr 1 Sab' at Newton

12 Rev J. Rankin one Sab' at Boone.

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13 Rev N. A. Banks 1 Sab at Brunsville
14 Rev J. N. Paxton 1 Sab at Bakersville
15 Rev J. E. Davis 1 Sab at Bakersville & Burnsville
16 Rev J. Ford 2 weeks in Cly & Cherokee Co's
17 Rev J. C. Kennedy preach at discretion among vacancies
18 Rev W. W. Phatt 1 Sab at Jefferson.
19 Rev R. Burwell 2 Sabs at Monroe & 2 in destitute portions contiguous to Steele Creek.
20 That all others preach 1 Sab at discretion & report time & place.
21. That all ministers preaching in vacant churches shall present the claims of Sustentation or the support of the Evangelist & take up a collection for that purpose.
22 All Supplies will report to the Chairm of Sustentation any thing of interest in the congregations visited.

Com's comply with Pr B. Res in regard to D. Colly.

A Com consisting of Revs A. W. Miller D. A. Penick & & Dr E. Nye Hutchison was appointed to confer with Fayetteville and Bethel Presbyteries as to their willingness to make an arrangement to place Davidson College under the care of the Synods of N. C. & S. C. & Georgia, & if willing, then that this Com. together with the Committee appointed by the other two Presbyteries, confer with the Synods aforesaid as to their willingness to take Davidson College under their care & this Com to report to Concord Presbytery the results of their conferences.

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Assessment Reduced

The Com appointed to revise the assessments of the Churches reported recommending a reduction of one fifth of the aggregate which report was adopted.—

Correspondence with Ministers N. C.—

The Com appointed to correspond with ministers without charge, made a report which was approved & the Com discharged, & the duty of corresponding with ~~unemployed~~ ministers without charges, was imposed upon the Com of Sustentation.—

On motion it was resolved that a Com be appointed to devise & report to this body a plan for raising the Salary of the Evangelist. & Rev J. Rankin, Wm Murdock & J. A. Ramsaur were appointed on said Com.—

Members excused

The Com on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave of absence to Rev W. W. Phatt. Rev J. D. Hall, David Goodman Geo. A. Young, A. A. Alexander, J. E. Moore Dr J. X. Johnson & J. P. Beaty.— The report was approved.—

Beall made Evangelist Salary $1000

On motion it was unanimously agreed to fix the Salary of the Evangelist at One thousand dollars. Presbytery next took up the election of an Evangelist, which resulted in the choice of Rev B. L. Beall.—

The Judicial Com reported that no business had come into their hands: which report was accepted & the Com discharged.— Leave of absence was granted to A. Bergin & J. P. Pates.

The following report of the Com on the division of the Presbytery was accepted & refered to the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery. The report is as follows. This Presbytery shall be divided, so as to make two Presbyteries, comprising the following counties each. Viz.

Line of division of Presbytery

1st	2d
1 Mecklenburg	1 Anson
2 Gaston	2 Union
3 Lincoln	3 Stanly
4 Catawba	4 Cabarrus
5 Cleveland	5 Rowan
6 Polk	6 Iredell
7 Rutherford	7 Davie
8 McDowell	8 Cabarrus
9 Buncombe	9 Surry
10 Henderson	10 Alleghany
11 Transylvania	11 Ashe
12 Haywood	12 Wilkes
13 Jackson.	13 Alexander
14 Macon	14 Caldwell
15 Cherokee	15 Burke
16 Clay	16 Watauga
17 Madison	17 Mitchel
	18 Yancey.

Stated Clk ordered to cite Shotwell

On motion the subject of adjusting the Pastoral relation between Rev N. Shotwell & the Church of Rutherfordton was taken up when it was resolved. that the Stated Clerk

Sepion of Pastor to sustaining

be instructed to cite the Pastor & Sepion for hearing at the next Stated meeting of Presbytery.— Leave was granted to Rev J. C. Sturgeon, of Alabama Presbytery to labor within our bounds whenever & whenever he may be able.— Presbytery took recess until 7 o'Clock P. M.

After recess— 7. P. M.

Presbytery met— The Com appointed to devise & present a plan for raising the salary of the Evangelist, presented the following report. which was considered seriatim, amended, adopted vis as follows: Viz.

The Com submit the following report.

Report of Com on Weekly system of Contributions

We take into view the cause of Foreign Missions, Education, Publication, the Evangelist or Evangelists & the general cause of Sustentation. It is obvious that to sustain all these causes a very considerable aggregate must be secured. And yet it is equally obvious that a comparatively small individual contribution from all the members of our Churches, with similar contributions from such members of our Presbyterian families as are not yet enrolled as communicants, many of whom have always been found willing to contribute, would produce the required aggregate. Therefore, I Resolved That an earnest & persevering effort be made to inaugurate immediately a regular system of weekly contributions; & that this system contemplate a personal application to all the members of our presbyterian families

2- Resolved. That our Com. of Sustentation be directed to prepare Subscription-Books for the use of our Churches, so laid off that subscriptions can be conveniently entered & credited, from time to time, as there may be occasion.-

3 Resolved- That all our Pastors & Stated Supplies be earnestly directed & solemnly enjoined, to make all proper efforts to introduce this system into their respective charges as soon as possible.

4. Resolved. That if it be necessary, our Evangelist may visit such of our vacant churches as cannot be otherwise enlisted & introduce this plan among its members. And that occasional supplies may attend to this duty in the churches they visit.-

5 Resolved. That our Pastors, Stated Supplies, & our Evangelist, shall be required to report to our Com. of Sustentation from time to time the results of their efforts in this work, & that the Com. of Sustentation may report, if deemed necessary, through the columns of the N. C. Presbyterian, the results of this enterprise.

6 Resolved. That one third, at least, of these contributions, if needed, shall be appropriated to the payment of the Salary of our Evangelist or Evangelists, when the Presbytery shall see the way clear to the appointment of more than one man to this work.

7 Resolved. That we confidently believe

that if our people shall all be reached there will be found liberality enough to furnish ample funds for all our purposes; & that the aggregate in this way will greatly exceed that of any mode of collection hitherto employed.-

8. Resolved. That the Pastors, Stated Supplies Occasional Supplies & Churches, generally, shall be strictly enquired at semiannually in regard to their fidelity in doing this work.-

(Signed) Jesse Rankin. Chr

Action in regard to Sustentation

The Com on the report of the Sustentation Com. presented a report, which was received adopted, viz as follows. Viz.

The Com. recommend.

1st That the diligence of the Sustentation Com be approved.-

They regret that the great majority of our churches have not shewn the same diligence in aiding the Com in the discharge of their duties, by affording the necessary information touching their ability to support the Ministry & contribute to the various objects of benevolence. On the contrary, a culpable neglect, injurious to the cause of Christ has been witnessed; for 21 churches only have responded to the call of the Com; whilst 48 have ignored it. We recommend

therefore 2. That by circulars from the Com' these churches be informed that Presbytery enjoins it upon them, to furnish the necessary facts to the Com'; & that in case they ignore the call in future, they will come under the censure of the Presbytery.-

In relation to the contributions to Sustentation & other causes, the report of the Com' shows that 41 churches contributed to Sustentation $1694- 25 cts per member- that 28 churches have contributed to Sustentation nothing: that 48 churches have contributed to Foreign missions, nothing; that 46 churches have contributed to Education, nothing; that 50 churches have contributed to Publication, nothing; & that Concord Presbytery, the largest Pres in the Church, has paid into the Central Treasury the sum of $600 & has drawn the sum of $1900. from it. These facts are enough to humble us in the dust before God & fill our faces with shame & confusion. It is a burning disgrace upon our Pres', that should make us blush before God & man, & should make us tremble lest a jealous God, robbed of His tithes & offerings, should blow upon our ordinances & blast our churches with mildew & death. Are we poor? We are rich, in comparison with the Macedonian Churches, yet the liberality of the

Macedonian Churches abounded even in the very depths of poverty! Let us not deceive ourselves, for God is not deceived. He, whose eyes are as a flame of fire searching the churches, knows that we have withheld from His Treasury more than is meet, & as the result, we are already visited with much leanness & barrenness, & are threatened with more. It is the bounden duty of every member of this Pres'y, of every Church, of every communicant who sits down at the Table of the Lord, to recieve the memorials of his Saviour's dying love, to feel the burden of this disgrace & to resolve to take no rest until it is forever wiped away.-

3. Be recommend that Pres enjoin it upon the members of our churches to bring their tithes into the Storehouse of the Lord & also their free-will offerings, laying by in store on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospred them.-

4 With regard to the Minimum Sum for the support of the Ministry, required by the Gen' Assembly, to be fixed on the Presbyteries, we recommend that the sum be that suggested by the Com: viz $600, & that the Com' be directed to use the means best calculated in their judgment to secure this minimum.

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5 Re advise that the recommendation of the Com touching the termination by the end of this year, of Rev J. J. Kennedy's connection with Mallard Creek Church, as Stated Supply for ½ of his time, be adopted, so that said Church may conform to the order of Presbytery on Pastorates.-

6 Re advise that the recommendation of the Com touching the termination, as soon as practicable, of the connection of Rev R. M. Davis with Goshen Ch, as Stated Supply, for ½ of his time, be adopted, in order that said Church may form a regular Pastorate with New Hope Ch.

7 Re advise that the recommendation of the Com touching the formation of the Pastoral relation between Rev Walter W. Pharr & Bethesda Ch, be adopted.-

8. Touching the statement made by the Com of the condition of Machpelah Ch, we recommend that Rev Dr Morrison & Rev J. S. Bain be a Com to visit this Church at an early day, viz: in their judgment its condition warrants it, to encourage the members to continue their organization & endeavor to secure the services of a Minister; but if their condition be otherwise, then to recommend the members to connect themselves with neighboring churches.-

9. We recommend, according to the suggestion of the Com, that Pres' enjoin upon all Ts Ministers to preach a sermon on Sustentation, on the Sunday appointed by the Assembly for making collections for this great object.-

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The "Rules & Regulations for Stated Supplies" adopted by the Com of Sustentation, being also referred to us, we recommend that the 1st Regulation, constituting the Stated Supply the Evangelist of his Church, with power to moderate the Session & exercise Pastoral supervision of the flock, be not adopted, as unnecessary & improper: unnecessary, because the Pastor, as an ordained Minister has, according to our Book the power to moderate the Session, & if invited by the Session, the right; improper, because to make him Evangelist, would be to virtually constitute him Pastor of his Church without the Pastoral relation being formed.

We recommend that the remaining Regulations- viz- the 2d 3d 4th 5th 6th 7th & 8th be adopted by the Pres' as the Rules & Regulations of the Com of Sustentation, in relation to Stated Supplies, & that said Rules be spread upon the Minutes of Pres

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) A. W. Miller
D. A. Penick Sr
B. L. Bell
Wm Murdock
H. C. Reid

Com.

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Rules & Regulations for Stated Supplies adopted by Res ordered to be spread upon the Minutes — Viz.

Rules for Stated Supplies

1st On or about the 1st Saturday in each year, (or at such other time as they may be ready to enter into such a relation) the congregations shall hold a congregational Meeting (or if they so elect, shall act through their Elders & Deacons) & make out a formal application for the services of the Minister desired, & a written obligation to pay him the amount stipulated, for the year, or time agreed upon, & shall have it properly signed, & forwarded together with the written engagement to serve them upon said conditions, on the part of the Minister, to the Com appointed by Res to consider & consent to said engagement, in its behalf.—

2d A Com of three Ministers & three Ruling Elders shall be appointed at the present Meeting & hereafter, at each Spring Meeting of Res, to co-operate with the Presbytery's Executive Com of Sustentation, in the matter of Stated Supplies, & to constitute with said Com a "Joint Com on Stated Supplies"—(6 of whom, met at the time & place appointed, according to the rules of the Sustentation Com shall constitute a quorum) who shall meet annually on Thursday—9. am before the 1st Tuesday in February—& at such other times as they may be called for

business—to receive, consider & approve or disapprove all applications for the establishment of the relation of Stated Supply—The Joint Com shall file all applications & engagements of congregations & Ministers, with their decisions endorsed thereon, for the consideration of the ensuing Semi-annual Res, & shall inform the parties at once, of their decision.—

3d That S. Supplies & Congregations shall report annually to said Joint Com at its meeting, on Thursday before 1st Tuesday in February, as to their faithfulness in the discharge of mutual duties, religious & pecuniary.—

4th That said Joint Com shall be required to make a full report of their proceedings—to submit their records & the original applications & agreements with the Com's endorsement, to the next Semi-annual Res, for review.—

5th Said Joint Com shall prepare, & cause to be printed & furnished to the Churches, Blank-forms, for applications & engagements for Congregations & Ministers.—

6th The Chairman & Secretary of the Executive Com of Sustentation, shall be Chairman & Secretary of the Joint Com

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7th The foregoing Rules shall be in force on & after the 1st day of January 1869.-

Joint Com on S. Supplies

Rev E. H. Harding, Rev A. Sinclair & Rev R. Burwell & Ruling Elders James M. Hutchison W. L. Harris & Jno A. Young, were appointed to constitute, with the Sustentation Com: the Presbytery's Joint Com on S. Supplies.

The Com on the Narration to Synod of the State of religion within our bounds, presented the following Narration, which was accepted & approved. Viz.

Narration to Synod

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits the following report to the Synod of N. C. on the state of religion in its bounds. ✓

It is with profound regret that we have to state that there has been during the year, no wide spread religious interest in our churches; yet we are happy to say that all or nearly all of our churches have had some additions to their membership - that in addition to the regular ministrations of the Pulpit, the churches very generally have prayer meetings, Sunday schools & Bible classes - That they have also regularly contributed to all the Committees of our Church. And to conclude our report, by saying that it is with pain we confess, that with the exception of a Church here & there, the piety of our people is not of such a character as to make it manifest

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decided; we therefore unite in humbly asking Almighty God to pour out his Spirit in awaking sinners & building up his people.

(Signed) E. H. Harding
E. McClelland } Com

Vote of Thanks

On motion the Thanks of this body were tendered to the citizens of Lincolnton for their hospitality - to the authorities of the N. C. & R. & the Central & the Western, R. Roads, for their courtesies, to members of this body.-

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to have an abstract of the minutes of this meeting, published in the N. C. Presbyterian.

On motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Hopewell Church on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in October next, at 3 o'clock P. m.

Closed with singing, prayer & the Apostolic Benediction.-

Signed - N. H. Banks - Mod
B. L. Byall } Temp Clks
D. F. Summey }

R. Z. Johnston
Stated Clerk-

Presbytery met according to adjournment at Hopewell Church, on Friday before the 3d Sabbath of Oct at 3 o'clock P. M, was constituted with prayer by the Rev John Douglas the last Moderator present. Present

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Rev John Douglas	A. A. Alexander	Hopewell
" Robt Burwell		
" A.W. Miller D.D.		
" J. C. Williams		
" R. Z. Johnston		

Rev J. Douglas presided & Rev R. Z. Johnston acted as Clerk pro tem.

Call from Hopewell for Rev J. C. Williams presented & accepted & Williams installed

Presbytery proceeded to take up the business which was laid over for this meeting viz the consideration of the call from Hopewell Ch for the Pastoral services of the Rev J. C. Williams. Mr A. A. Alexander Elder from Hopewell Ch presented the call, promising Mr Williams $700 in currency, in quarterly payments for all his Ministerial services together with the Manse, Glebe &c belonging to the Church, for the use of his family, so long as he remains the Pastor of said Ch. The Call was in order & was placed in the hands of Mr Williams, who accepted the same, & Presbytery resolved to proceed to his Installation on tomorrow at 11 a.m. according to the order of Pres at Lincolnton. On motion the Stated Clerk was

directed to correct the Minute in regard the appointment of the Joint Com' on Supplies, by substituting the name of Prof' Jno A. Young for that of Dr E. N. Hutchison is on.— Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow at 12 o'c A.m.— closed with prayer

Hopewell Ch' Saturday Oct 17th 10 o'c

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Roll was called & the Minutes of yesterday were read & approved. Revs S. D. Parks & J. S. Ball appeared in Pres & gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness. On motion Rev J. S. Ball was appointed to take the place of Rev R. Burwell, on the Com' appointed to install Rev J. C. Williams. Presbytery, then, adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator, in Wilmington N. C. during the meeting of Synod in November next. Closed with prayer

—Signed— John Douglas Mod'r

R. Z. Johnston Clk

Examined and approved to page 5-33, with the exception that on page 407 it is stated that the Presbytery adjourned, without sufficient evidence of being closed with prayer.

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The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, in Wilmington N. C. on the 21st of Nov; at the Call of the Moderator- Rev N. H. Banks- The Rev R. H Davis was elected Temporary Clerk- Present Rev N. H. Bank J. Rumple, Nathl W. Pharr, B. M. McNeil, D. A. Penick, J. N. Paxton, J. Douglass, R. H. Davis, E. H. Harding, with Ruling Elders, Jno. A. Young & Wm. Murdock.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to write to Rev David Lindley, a member of this Presbytery, requesting him to inform the Presbytery of his work. Misprisonment at his earliest convenience.-

Clk ordered to write to Rev D. Lindley- Pres acts this Bus- Sp Com of Education

On motion it was resolved That the Presbytery act through the Synod Assembly's Executive Committee in the Examination of Candidates for the Ministry.-

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Castaway Grove Church, on the Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in May 1869, at 11 o'Clock A m.

Closed with prayer-

Signed R. H. Davis- Temi Clk

R. J. Johnston- Stated Clk

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-Called Meeting- (Dissolution of Pastoral Relation)

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Presbytery met according to the call of the Moderator was opened with prayer by Rev Jno Douglas, the last Moderator present. On motion, Rev B. J. Parks was appointed to act as Clerk pro tem- The following persons answered to their names Viz- Ministers J. Douglas, A. W. Miller, D. R. Burwell, D. A. Penick, J. Rumple & B. J. Parks- Elders J. A. Young, J. M. Amhart J. Berryhill. On motion, Presbytery proceeded to the business for which it had been called together.

A request from Rev C. C. Pharr, D. D. for the dissolution of the Pastoral relation between himself & Caldwell Church, was presented by letter. Commissioners from said Church viz Saml H. Todd & J. W. Todd- being present, were heard upon the subject; whereupon Presbytery resolved to grant the request. The Rev J. J. Bell was appointed to preach at Caldwell & declare the Church vacant.

-The minutes were read & approved & Presbytery adjourned Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Signed

B. J. Parks- Clk Pro Tem

R. J. Johnston. Stated Clk

Castanea Grove N. C. Thursday April 29. 1869

Presbytery opening Sermon 1 Tim 1, 15

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment was opened with a sermon by Rev R. H. Banks the Moderator from the Text. 1 Tim 1, 15. "It is a faithful saying worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

Roll

After sermon, prayer was offered by the moderator, the roll was called, & the following Ministers & Elders were found to be present: Do wit

Ministers	Churches	Elders
R. H. Morrison	Charlotte	David Parks
J. Rankin	Steele Creek	W. P. Brown
D. A. Penick Sr	Pleasant Hill	
J. D. Hall	Providence	Wm Reid
D. P. Johnston	Sharon	
J. Douglas	Philadelphia	R. R. King
C. F. Rockwell	Bethlehem	Elam Robinson
Wm Graves	Sugar Creek	J. M. Houston
Waller W. Pharr	Hopewell	A. Cathey
J. N. Paxton	Mallard Creek	J. R. Hutchison
D. M. Bitts	Bethel (mock)	Wm Patterson
R. N. Davis	Ramah	T. H. Hamilton
J. C. Williams	Rocky River	R. H. Morrison
J. Hood	Poplar Tent	Wm S. Harris
A. H. Miller	Salisbury	J. J. Summerell
B. J. Beall	Back Creek	Moses Tingle
N. C. Shuty	Prospect	C. A. Johnson
A. Sinclair	Fifth Creek	J. W. Cook
J. Rumple	Fourth Creek	J. F. Bell
D. A. Penick Jr	Bethesda	R. C. Holder
Wm W. Pharr	Concord	A. Morrison

C. N. Harding	Lenoir	C. W. Faucette
R. F. Johnston	Newton	N. A. Sowannee
R. B. Anderson	Unity (Linc)	J. W. Moore
N. H. Banks	Castanea Grove	J. A. Henderson
J. C. Kennedy	New Hope	Wm M. Nolen
R. H. Caldwell	Olney	Wm Holland
	Dallas	M. D. Friday
	Shelby	J. Irwin
	Marion	J. H. Brumley
	Asheville	A. J. Summey
	Ebenezer	Wm M. Penland

Harding and Modi

The poll being completed, Resbytery elected Rev C. N. Harding Moderator & Rev B. L. Bull & A. J. Summey Scribes Clerks- Rev J. M. Sherwood, of Rei of Fayetteville being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member. Rei took recess for one hour

Bull & Summey Clk.

- After Recess -

Rei met- Minutes of last stated, two adjourned & Presbyterial meetings were read.

Members tardy, report

Members of Rei were called upon to report as to the fulfillment of their respective appointments as supplies Revs P. W. McPhail, N. A. Wood & B. D. Parks appeared in Rei & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness

J. H. Hamilton- R. E. from Ramah Ch appeared in Rei & took his seat.

Rev Robt Bradley of Harmony Rei, being present was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Sinclair dismissed to 1st Pres of Phil'a

At his own request, Rev A. Sinclair was dismissed to connect himself with the First Rei of Philadelphia

C. M. Stevenson, R. E. from Zoarsville Ch

appeared in Rei & took his seat.

The question as to the meaning of Resolution 6th of in the report of Com' to devise a plan for raising the Salary of the Evangelist was ordered to be put on the docket to be called up in connexion with the report of the Com on Destitution.-

The following Com's were appointed by the Moderator- Viz at-

Com's appointed by Modr

Bills & Overtures: N. H. Banks, D. A. Brick Sr & D. Parks

Judicial Com: J. Rankin, R. F. Johnston, & W. S. Harris

Narrative: D. A. Brick Sr R. N. Davis & J. J. Summerell

Minutes of Synod: J. Douglas, E. M. Gibbs & J. N. Cook.

Devotional Exercises: R. H. Morrison & J. A. Henderson.

Com Records of Sessions of Charlotte, S. Creek, P. Hill, Providence Sharon, Libanon, Philips & Bethlehem-

W. C. Shultz & E. Robinson.

Com on do of Sugar Creek, Hopewell, Caldwell, Mallard Creek, Bethel (Mecklenburg) Ramath, College, Concord Town-

- C. F. Rockwell & W. P. Brown -

Com on do of Poplar Tent, Bethphage, Centre, Salisbury, Thyatira Franklin (Rowan) B. Creek, Prospect, J. Creek, Unity (R) Mocksville Zion- J. C. Williams & R. R. King.

Com on do of A Creek, Bethany, A Creek, Bethesda, Concord, Shiloh, Taylorsville, Salem, Wilkinson, Jefferson, Lenoir & Newton-

- P. D. Parks & J. J. Price -

Com on do of Lincolnton, L. Creek, Unity (L.) Castanea Grove, Goshen, New Hope, Olney, Dallas, McAden, Shelby, L. Buffalo Bethsaida & Sandy Plains.

R. B. Anderson & J. H. Brumley.

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Comin on of Morganton, Drusilla, Marion, Siloam, Asheville, Swannanoa, Hendersonville, Mt's River, Mt's Rim, Bethel (XI) Franklin (M), Ebenezer, Hiwasee & Beulah.

Wm W. Pharr & D. W. Faucett

Com' on Systematic Benevolence- R. W. Miller, W. W. Pharr, E. W. Smith

Com' on Report of Institutation- R. N. Davis, J. W. Burton, A. W. Miller, J. Rumple, J. W. Moore.

It was made 1st order of day tomorrow morning to hear in Statistical Records.

Letters from absent Members

A letter from Rev J. C. Morrison was read assigning good reasons for absence from present Sessions of Pres; the Rev J. Rumple was appointed a Commission to ordain Elders & Deacons in Ch of Lebanon

Letters assigning good reasons for absence from this meeting, were read, from Revs Wm McDonald, Wm N. Morrison, R. N. Chapman & A. D. Montgomery.

Montgomery excused

Permission to attend at his discretion, on the Sessions of this body, was granted to Rev A. D. Montgomery.

Request of Rutherfordton Ch

A letter from Rutherfordton Ch was read & referred to Institutation Com

W. W. Pharr called to Mallard Creek & Rama

Rev Walter W. Pharr presented before Pres a request for the dissolution of the Pastoral relation existing between himself & the Ch of South Creek, which they concurred in by the said Ch, through their representative, was granted.

A call from Mallard Creek Ch for the Pastoral services of Rev Walter W. Pharr for one half of his time, & promissing him the sum of five hundred & fifty dollars

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& also a call from Ramah Ch for one half of his time, promissing the sum of four hundred dollars, were read & placed in his hands.

Treasurer of Institution & Pro Tem

J. J. Summerell was requested to act as Treas of Com of Institution - Com -

Pres adjourned until tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock a.m. Closed with prayer.-

Friday Morning April 30 1869.

Pres met was constituted with prayer - Roll was called & minutes of yesterday read.-

Members tardy report

Revs J. C. Pharr & J. H. W. Thuman appeared in Pres & assigned good reasons for tardiness. J. K. Graham, R. E. from Thyatira Ch appeared & took his seat.

Com to nominate Trustees for Dr C. F. Ecky

Revs E. D. Pierce, W. S. Harris & R. N. Morrison were appointed a Com to nominate Trustees for Davidson & Concord - Female, Colleges.-

Records of Ch Sessions called for - Reports of Ch Sessions called for

Records of Church Sessions were next called for & the respective Comm's appointed to examine them.

It was made the order of the day at 10. a.m. today to hear the report of the Com of Institution, & the order of the day for 11 today to hear the trial Sermon of Wm N. Dickey

Trial of Ordination

On motion, Reports from Sessions were handed to the Com Clerks to be read by him, immediately after prayer today, & then to be handed to the Com on the Narrative -

Bradley rec'd from Harmony Pres

Rev E. W. McNeil was made Trial Institution of Education.-

Rev Robt Bradley, member of Harmony Pres was received as a member of this body, on Certificate of dismissal & after the usual examination. His name ordered to be enrolled.-

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Report of Candidates

Rev D. N. McNeil presented a report in behalf of Candidates for the Ministry under our care.

S.L. Pharr called to Hyatira & Franklin

A Call, from Hyatira Church for the pastoral services of Rev S. L. Pharr, for two thirds of his time, promising him the sum of Three hundred & seventy five dollars, was read: Also a Call, from Franklin Church, for one third of his time, promising him the sum of two hundred & thirty three dollars, was read. These calls were laid on the table for the present.-

Rankin called to Linois

A Call, from Linois Church, for pastoral services of Rev J. Rankin, for one half of his time, promising him the sum of Three hundred dollars, was read & placed in his hands.-

Request Shelby ch

A request from the Church of Shelby to employ Rev N. Shotwell as Stated Supply, was referred to the Com of Sustentation.

Place & Time of Next Meeting

Davidson's River Church was chosen as the place & Thursday 11 A. M. as the time for the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Resolution Concerning Sinclair

The following resolution was adopted: viz

Concord Pres in severing the ecclesiastical tie between the Rev Sinclair Thompson, still holds the tie of affection unbroken, invokes the divine blessing upon him & his labors, wherever in the providence of God his lot may be cast.-

Chm of Sustentation reports

The Chairman of the Sustentation Com presented a report which was received & referred to the Special Com on that subject.-

The Com of Sustentation made the following report on the request of the Church of Rutherfordton which was adopted viz as follows- viz

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Dissolution of Pastoral Relation between Shotwell & Rutherfordton Ch

The Com of Sustentation, having duly considered the letter from Rev N. Shotwell & the Session of Rutherfordton Ch. in regard to the dissolution of the Pastoral relation between Mr Shotwell & said Ch, recommend- That said Pastoral relation be now dissolved, & that the matter of his serving them until the 25th of Aug 1869, as specified in the letter, be the subject of arrangement between Mr Shotwell & the Ch. Provided nevertheless that this action shall not be construed as impairing the claims of Mr Shotwell for salary due, or as exhonorating the Ch of Rutherfordton from the duty of completing the arrangements already agreed upon to secure to him his claims.-

Memorial of Rev J. D. Wilson

The Chairman of the Com appointed to prepare a memorial of the late Rev J. D. Wilson, read a report which was approved ordered to be recorded in the book kept for that purpose.-

Trial Sermon & Lectures of W. W. Dickey and Sustained

It was made the order of the day for today 3 P. M. to hear the Sermon on the Pastorate by Rev W. W. Mood - Presbytery took recess of five minutes.-

After recess Presbytery heard the Trial Sermon of Mr Wm H. Dickey from Text. Rom II. 4. & also his Lecture from Rom. 8. 6-15, which retained the same as parts of his preparatory exercises.

Presbytery took recess for one hour.-

Members excused

After recess, Presbytery met. Leave of absence after the sessions of today was granted to Rev C. H. Rockwell & R. Elder J. T. Bell

Sessional Reports &c

Statistical reports were read. The report of the Session of Salisbury Church was approved - all others were approved in part only.

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The order of the day having sermon on Pastorate, was, on motion, changed for tomorrow 11 a. m.

It was made the order of the day tomorrow after recess to examine candidates for the Ministry.

Rev J. M. Anderson appl by Bethel

Leave was granted to Rev J. M. Anderson to labor in Bethel congregation (Mecklenburg).

The Com on Minutes of Synod reported, that they found nothing specially worthy of the attention of Presbytery.

It was made the second order of the day for tomorrow to hear the report of the Evangelist.

Commissioners elected to Gen Assy

Rev D. W. McPhail, with Rev W. A. Wood for his alternate; & Rev J. Douglas, with Rev R. Z. Johnston for his alternate; together with R. Elr J. B. Rankin, with Jas Harper for his alternate & Gen D. H. Hill, with Gen J. A. Young, for his alternate were appointed Commissioners to the next meeting of the Gen Assembly, to be held in Mobile Ala.

Com on Sp. Rem

The Com appointed to prepare a report to the Gen Assembly on Spiritual Remedies, reported that no materials for the preparation of said report were in their hands, & was discharged, & the Stated Clerk was directed to compile & forward said report.

Ramah Chh

The Com appointed to harmonize difficulties in Ramah Chh made a report & was discharged.

Rev Walter M. Pharr accepts calls from Mallard Creek & Ramah

Rev Walter M. Pharr signified his acceptance of the calls from Mallard Creek & Ramah Chhs & Rev W. A. Wood & J. R. Hutchinson & T. H. Hamilton were appointed a Com to arrange for his installation.

On motion, the calls from Thyatira & Franklin Chh for pastoral services of Rev S. C. Pharr D. D. were placed

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in his hands

Division of Presbytery

The report of the Com on the division of the Presbytery, reported from the last meeting to this meeting, was considered. During the discussion of this subject, Presbytery adjourned until 9 o'clock to morrow & closed with prayer.

Saturday 9 a. m.

Dicky's Trial Papers

Presbytery met & was constituted with prayer. The roll was called & minutes of yesterday were read. Leave of absence after this morning's sessions, was granted to R. Elr W. D. Spilsbury. The Critical Exercise & Latin Exegesis of Mr N. Dicky were placed in the hands of Rev J. D. Hall & C. W. Fauchette for examination.

Rankin accepts call from Lenoir

Rev J. Rankin accepted the call from Lenoir Chh & Rev J. Rankin & C. W. Fauchette were appointed to arrange for his installation.

Review of Sessional Records

The Com on Records of Sessions of Mocksville, Centre, Back Creek, Salisbury, Bethphage, Poplar Tent, Thyatira & Prospect Chhs made the following report, which was adopted & is as follows: The Com on Records of said Sessions respectfully report. That these books, in the main, are neatly & correctly kept, & recommend their approval as far as written.

Signed J. C. Williams Ch Com.

Division decided to divide

The question on division of Presbytery was taken up & decided in the affirmative. A Special Com, consisting of Rev J. Rankin, D. A. Penick Sr & N. L. Harris, was appointed to report a line of division.

Summary of Sessional Records

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this Presbytery, was granted to J. J. Summerell M. D.

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Report on Support of Evangelist-

The Chairman of the Com' of Institutions made a report on the support of the Evangelist, which was received, adopted & is as follows:

The Com' of Institutions, being charged with the duty of attending to the support of the Evangelist, would respectfully report,- That since the 14th of April 1868, the following Chs have contributed to this object. To wit-

Marion	4.00	Mocksville	3.00
Fourth Creek	19.00	Unity	20.00
Rocky River	16,95	Steele Creek	17,40
Centre	4.40	Pleasant Hill	4,10
Salisbury	14.00	Drusilla	3.00
Third Creek	12,15	Bethesda	6,00
Prospect	15,51	New Hope	5,75
Sandy Plains	1,00	Olney	6,45
College	4,00	Dallas	1,65
Salisbury (add)	16,05	P. Dent	7,00
E. F. Rockwell	5,00	Providence	10,00
Jefferson	2,00	Sharon	8,00
Prospect (add)	15,00	Back Creek	6,55
Lenoir	4,00	Morganton	10,00
Salem	3,00		107,90
	136,01	Total amt =	136,01
			243,91

This sum was received up to the 29 of Sept 1868.
This was collected under the system of apportionment
Since that time the Chs have contributed upon the voluntary principle as follows:

Shelby	3.00	Unity (Rowan)	6,90
Wilkesboro	4,00	Little Britain	16,10

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Castania Grove	20,00	A Friend	5,00
Lincolnton	19,00	Ramah	8,70
Franklin (M)	2,00	Sugar Creek	10,00
Ebenezer	4,00	Sharon	20,00
Bethlehem	3,00	Providence	5,00
Philadelphia	7,00	Asheville	19,50
Rutherfordton	4,00	Drusilla	2,00
Centre	35,00	Steele Creek	35,00
Bethphage	6,85	Centre (add'l)	8,00
Charlotte	32,75 $140,60	Lebanon	2,00
		Sugar Creek (add'l)	20,00
		Rev Wm M. P.	10,00
		P. A.	5,00 $172,10
		Swannanoa	25,00 140,60
		Total =	$313,70

Same

This sum, with the balance from apportionments (243,91) makes a total of $563,25; collected for the support of the Evangelist since the Spring meeting of 1868.

Besides this, the Evangelist has received $127,00 from Chs not yet reported to the Treasurer.

This leaves the Presbytery's indebtedness to the Evangelist at the present time $595,00. This calculation may not be exact, but it is a near approximation to the truth.

From the above list it will be seen that 25 of our Chs have made a voluntary contribution of $313,70, since last September, & that 40 Chs have failed to contribute any thing whatsoever-

Having thus set forth the true state of the finances, the Com' decline proposing any scheme for meeting the claims of the Evangelist, leaving the whole matter to the wisdom

of the Presbytery -
By order of the Com' Institutions
J. Rumple Ch m

Sess of this
resumed

The Book of the Treasurer of Institutions was committed for examination to Rev H. H. Banks, W. C. Shirley & Mr Singleton

The following report on Supplies was presented & approved viz as follows:

Supplies

The Com' of Institutions would respectfully nominate the following Supplies for the Summer -

1 That Rev R. Burwell preach one Sab at Hyde C & R. Hill, each
2 Rev H. H. Banks spend two weeks in Macon, Cly & Cherokee.
3 Rev J. Hood " 2 weeks at Nivanse & Balsah
4 " W. W. Miller " 4 weeks at discretion in Mountains of N.C.
5 " P. M. Pitts " 2 weeks in McDowell & Yancey Co's
6 " J. D. Parker & J. Rankin " 2 weeks each in Burke Co
7 " J. Douglas " 2 weeks at discretion
8 " D. A. Penick jr " 1 week in Anson Co and Rev J. C. Morrison in the installation of Elders & deacons at Libanon, if the way be open
9 " Wm W. Pharr & Rev D. A. Penick jr & C. D. Harding each one Sab at Rock-Ridge.
10 " Walter W. Pharr " one Sab at Bethesda
11 " Wm H. Morrison " 2 weeks at Flat Creek
12 " A. H. Caldwell & J. C. Pharr each one Sab at Bethesda
13 " J. C. Miller " 2 ~~sabbaths~~ weeks at Salem.
14 " J. C. Williams & J. J. Kennedy 1 Sab each at Goshen.
15 " J. C. Kennedy " 2 Sabs at Salem, 2 at Milesboro, 2 at Bethesda the rest of his time at discretion.
16 R. J. Johnston 1 Sab at Hyde Creek & 1 week in Macon Co
17 Mrs Mc Donald 2 weeks in Clay & Cherokee.
18 Rott Bradley 1 Sab at Bethesda.
19 J. D. Hall 2 weeks in destitute portions accessible to his residence.

20 Rev W. A. Wood 2 weeks at discretion in mountains
21 " C. F. Rockwell 1 at Fourth Creek at discretion.
22 " H. Shotwell preach at Statesville on 5 Sab May.
23 " C. F. Rockwell in Alleghany Co as hitherto
24 " J. Rankin 1 Sab in Ashe & 1 in Watauga Co
25 " R. H. Chapman 1 Sab in Madison Co
26 All others 1 Sab at discretion report time & place at next meeting of Pres.
27 All Supplies will report to Com of Sustentation any items of interest they may learn in the fields they visit.
28 Ministers visiting vacancies, when desirable, will administer the Sacraments.

By order of the Com J. Rumple Ch m

Sessional Records examined

The Com on Records of Sessions of Morganton, Brusilla, Marion, Silcam, Asheville, Swannanoa & Hendersonville & Mill's River, Davidson's River, Bethel C & Franklin C made a report, which was approved viz as follows:

The Com on Records of said Sessions, report that the records of only three Sessions - viz Asheville, Silcam & Marion - were before them - that these were examined & are recommended for approval as far as written -

Signed Wm W. Pharr } Com
D Erwin }

D. A. Penick jr appointed to take the place of Rev J. Rumple

The Rev D. A. Penick jr was appointed to take the place of Rev J. Rumple, in the Commission to ordain officers at Peterson Ch.

The Com to arrange for the installation of Rev Walter W. Pharr over Ch of Mallard Creek & Ramah, made a report, which was approved viz as follows:

Report Com to install W. W. Phaw at Mallard Creek & Remark

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The Com aforesaid recommend that Rev J. C. Williams preach the Sermon - Rev D. D. Parks preside, & propose constitutional questions & deliver charge to the people - Rev D. A. Penick Sr deliver charge to Pastor - & that Rev R. B. Johnston be alternate to Rev J. C. Williams - R. Burwell be alternate to - Rev D. D. Parks & Rev D. A. Penick jr be alternate to Rev D. A. Penick Sr - & that the Services be held at Mallard Creek Ch on Friday before the 5th Sab May 11 a.m.

Signed W. A. Wood
T. H. Hamilton } Com
J. R. Hutchison

Re A. D. Montgomery restored

The Commission appointed at the last meeting, to examine Rev A. D. Montgomery received him as a member of this body, ~~reported~~ if the way be open, reported, that they had attended to the business assigned them, reported the name of Rev A. D. Montgomery to the Stated Clerk to be enrolled. This report was approved.

Rev C. C. Pharr accepted the calls placed in his hands, & he & J. H. Graham were appointed to arrange for his installation.

N. C. Presbyterian Commended

The following Resolution, touching the N. C. Presbyterian, was adopted. To wit:

Resolved that Presbytery express their confidence in the N. C. Presbyterian, edited by Rev J. M. Sherwood, as a useful agency in promoting the cause of religion & Presbyterianism, & recommend it to the families in our bounds.

Leave granted to Sturgeon & Wood

Leave was granted to Rev J. C. Sturgeon to labor within the bounds of this Presbytery.

Permission was granted to Rev W. A. Wood to retain until the next stated meeting of this body.

Calls &c & Dismissions

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Memoir W. B. Watts

the calls from Third Creek & Unity & Chs -

The Com appointed to prepare an obituary notice of Rev W. B. Watts, presented the memorial which was approved & ordered to be recorded in the book of Memoirs -

Trustees for D. College & C. H. Colleges

The Com to nominate Trustees for Davidson & Concord Female Colleges, reported the following, which was approved. To wit -

The Com appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson & C. H. College, respectfully nominate the following for D. College - To wit For Class of 1869.

Rev R. H. Morrison D. D. & Thos. A. Allison
" R. N. Davis. R. P. McDowell
" Wilie P. Phaw A. B. Davidson
" Wm W. Pharr. D. A. Davis

For Class of 1866

Dr J. G. Summerell in place of C. R. Harris dec.

For Class of 1867

Rev D. A. Penick jr in place of Dr A. Sinclair removed from our bounds.

And for C. H. College, the Com nominate for the Class of 1869:

Rev J. Rumple & D. A. Davis, & R. Y. Simonton

For Class of 1866.

Rev Wm W. Pharr vice Rev W. B. Watts dec.

Signed D. D. Parks - Chm

Sermon in Pastorate by Rev W. A. Wood

Presbytery took recess for five minutes, after which Presbytery heard the Sermon in the Pastorate by Rev W. A. Wood & then took recess for one hour -

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Rankin to be installed at Lenoir

After Recess. Presbytery met.
The Com to arrange for the installation of Rev J. Rankin, made a report which was approved viz as follows: The Com appointed to arrange for the installation of Rev J. Rankin at Lenoir recommend that Rev C. W. Harding preach the sermon & charge the people; & Rev R. N. Davis preside propose constitutional questions & charge the Pastor & Rev J. Rumple be alternate to Rev Harding & Rev W. C. Stuart be alternate to Rev Davis. The time left with the brethren appointed.—

Sessional Records Reviewed

The Com appointed to examine the sessional Records of Fifth Creek, Bethany, Smith Creek, Bethesda, Concord, Shiloh, Taylorsville, Salem, Wilkesboro, Jefferson, Lenoir, & Newton made a report which was approved viz as follows. The Com recommend the approval of the records of Lenoir Session as far as written, excepting where sessional & congregational business is not kept separate. Fifth Creek that the record be approved excepting to the mixing up of the Names of children baptized & members with sessional business.

Bethany - that the records be approved.

Newton - that these be approved, excepting to the want of evidence that delegates to Presbytery were called upon to report, & Collections are recorded among minutes of Session

Wilkesboro - They have not been before Pres since April 1866 - no sessional meeting since January 1867 - the records are without the signature of the Clerk, except one meeting. The meetings of Session are often without prayer, & the names of members present or absent are seldom recorded.

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Bethesda - that they be approved.
Fourth Creek - approved
Taylorsville - approved, except the Clerk does not sign his name to the minutes.—

Bass examined

Rev J. S. Bass appeared in Pres & gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.—

G. Summey received as Candidate

Mr George Summey, member of Asheville Ch, was introduced to Pres by Rev W. H. Banks, & examined, & received under care of Pres as a Candidate for the Ministry

Members excused

Messrs R. R. Kerr, D. M. Hamilton, Elam Robinson, Wm Patterson & J. N. Brendle were excused from further attendance on the sessions Pres.—

Dickey licensed

The Com appointed to examine the Critical Exercise & Latin Exegesis of Mr N. Dickey, reported recommending their approval as parts of trial. The report was adopted. Mr Dickey was examined on Theology, Church Government & Sacraments & his examination & trial pieces were, on motion fully sustained; & the Moderator, by vote of Pres, proceeded to license Mr Dickey to preach the Gospel, according to the mode prescribed in Form of Government.

Arrangement to install J. C. Pharr at Hyatts Franklin

The Com to arrange for the installation of Rev J. C. Pharr & J. D. reported as follows: That the services take place at Hyatts Ch, on Saturday before 4th Sab of May at 11 a. m. the congregation of Franklin being notified to be represented that Rev W. A. Wood preach the sermon - Rev J. D. Hall preside & propose constitutional questions & charge the Pastor - & Rev J. Rumple charge the people - That Rev J. C. Williams be alternate to Rev W. A. Wood - R. H. Caldwell to Hall, & Rev E. H. Rockwell to Rumple. - Adopted. -

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Records of Sessions Review

The Com' to examine Records of Sugar Creek, Hopewell, Caldwell, Mallard Creek, Ramah, Bethel, College & Concord Town, reported, recommending the approval of the Records of Caldwell, College, Mallard Creek, Concord Town, Hopewell & Ramah - & that the Record of Bethel be approved except they have not been before Pres since Apr 1864, & Sugar Creek, excepting they have not been before Pres since May 1866.

The Report was adopted -

Evangelist reports

The Rev B. F. Ball, Evangelist of Pres, made a verbal report of his labors in destitute regions since last meeting of Pres, which was approved & his fidelity & diligence commended.

Form of Gov' Sec 18 Ch 10 -

On motion it was resolved, That it is not expedient to legislate, at present, on the reference of the Genl Assembly, respecting change in our Form of Government, Sec 18. Ch 10, -

Treasurer of Sustentation

The Com' to audit accounts of Treasurer of Sustentation made a report which was approved as follows: Viz The Com' find the accts of the Treasurer of Sustentation correct, so far as recorded, but no accompanying vouchers.

Signed W. H. Banks Chm

Dickey transferred to Pres of Eastern Texas

The Com' of Sustentation was directed to examine the vouchers of the Treas of Sust'n & report to next meeting of Pres -

Mr W. P. Brown obtained leave to be absent.

Mr Wm N. Dickey, on his own request, was transferred to the Pres of Eastern Texas -

Division Line

The Report suggesting a Line of division of Pres was related & laid on the Table, for the present.

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Collection for Evangelist ordered -

The following recommendation was adopted: That Pres urge upon all the Churches & especially upon all which have thus far made no collection for this purpose, to make a speedy & liberal contribution for the support of the Evangelist & forward the same, at once, to the Treas of Sustentation.

Rev B. W. McPhail D. D. made a verbal report in behalf of the Trustees of Davidson College -

Pres adjourned till Monday a. m. & closed with prayer.

Monday a. m. May 3 - 1869

Pres met & was constituted with prayer - minutes of Saturday were read & approved. Leave of absence was granted to Rev T. J. Johnston, R. Bradly, J. C. Rhea & R. M. C. A. Johnston, J. W. Cooke & J. K. Graham -

Members excused

The following resolution was adopted: Viz

Sermon Pastorals ordered to be published

Resolved That Thanks of Pres be tendered to Rev W. A. Wood for his excellent & judicious sermon on the Pastorate & that he be requested to send a copy to the N. C. Presbyterian for publication. -

Rev B. D. Parker was appointed to preach a sermon at the next regular meeting on The Discipline of the Church -

Rules to preach on Discipline

Records received &c

The Com' on Records of Sessions of Charlotte State Creek, Pleasant Hill, &c made a report which was adopted viz as follows: Viz.

The Com' recommend the approval of the Records of the Sessions of Charlotte, State Creek, Pleasant Hill, Sharon, Philadelphia, & Rocky River. The records of Sessions of Palestine Lebanon, Providence, & Bethlehem have not come before the Com

Signed W. C. Davis - Chm -

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Records reviewed

The Com on Records of Sessions made a report which was approved & is as follows: Viz.
The Com recommend, That Records of Sessions of Unity be approved with exceptions - New Hope - approved. Dallas - approved with exception. Unity (2) approved, with exceptions - Castanea Grove - approved with exceptions. Lincolnton & Long Creek, approved.

Signed R. B. Anderson, Chm
J. H. Bunker

The Com on Bills & overtures reported no business & was discharged.

Nobly Ran introduced

Members of Pres were called on to report whether or not they had adopted in their Churches, the Pres's plan of Systematic benevolence & it appeared that the plan has been introduced into the following Churches; Viz Lincoln, Rocky River, Newton, Ebenezer, Franklin, (M) Lincolnton, Long Creek, Jefferson, Salisbury, Poplar Tent, Bethphage, Centre, New Hope, Third Creek, Sugar Creek, Caldwell, Providence, Sharon, Hopewell, Bethesda, Marion & Asheville - not introduced into Morganton, Concord Grove, Bethany, Fifth Creek, Unity (W) Back Creek, Olney, Concord, Shiloh, Unity (P) Castanea Grove, Nobly & Taylorsville.

Narrative

The Com on Narrative to Genl Assembly presents the following report, which was read, approved ordered to be published in N. C. Presbyterian & forwarded to the Genl Assembly. - (See Appendix Page 561)

The Com to install Rev J. C. Williams at Hopewell reported they had discharged the duty at the time & place appointed.

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Com on Line of Division

D. A. Caldwell, elder from College Ch appeared in Pres & took his seat.
The Line of division between the two Pres proposed was again debated, & a Com consisting of Revs J. Rumple, J. Rankin, R. H. Davis, D. K. Paxton, E. D. Parks & R. Elec C. Pge Statistics, & J. B. Rankin, was appointed to consider the whole subject & report to the next stated meeting of Pres.

Thanks

Thanks of Pres were tendered to the Church of Castanea Grove & citizens of surrounding community for their kindness & hospitality to members of Pres.

Report on Education &c

Rev P. W. McNeil D. D. Chm of Com of Education made the following report, which was received, pending the discussion of which, Pres agreed to hold an intermediate meeting for its further consideration. Mr J. H. Bell, a Candidate under care of Pres was committed to the special disposal & control of the Education Com. On motion, the sum to be annually appropriated to each candidate under our care was limited to $225, except in extraordinary cases. - On motion, it was agreed, That hereafter the Chairman of Education shall present to this body a written report, to be spread on our minutes.

Report on Institution

The Com on the report of the Com of Investigation presented a report, which was received considered, amended, adopted & is as follows Viz. The Com have carefully examined the report & find many items worthy the grave consideration of this body. The Report exhibits on the part of the Com a very

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commendable diligence, earnestness, zeal & fidelity. There are however, in the judgment of your Com'e some forms of expression which are unhappily chosen & calculated to mislead - p 4 - 12 -

On the basis of this report your Com'e make the following recommendations: Viz:

1 That our Evangelist be authorized to establish if the way be open, one or more churches, within his field of labor, at the place or places regarded the most eligible - (see p 1)

2 That the Pastoral Relation, existing between Rev Wm McDonald & bh of Bethlehem be dissolved &c -

This resolution was not adopted, but referred back to the Com'e of Sustentation. -

3 That Presbytery reiterate its injunction upon all the Churches which have failed to take up regular contributions, to do so at once; & that a Com'e be appointed to address a circular letter to delinquent Churches & Ministers - Revs Banks, Miller & Penick Jr. - W. L. Harris, A. C. were appointed said Com'e

* That upon a failure to take up contributions that the names of those delinquent are to be published in the N. C. Pres*

4 That Presbytery direct the Pres' Com'e to assist unemployed ministers in securing suitable fields of labor. -

5 That instead of a "Joint Com'e on Supplies" the Pres' enlarge the Presbyterial Com'e of Sustentation; & that the Com'e, thus enlarged, shall consist of the following members for the ensuing year: viz Rev J. Rumple Chm Revs D. A. Penick Jr. S. D. Parks, D. Douglas W. L. Wood, E. N. Harding & J. C. Williams

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& R. Els. C. Mc Hutchison, J. A. Conry, J. M. Hutchison & Deacon J. L. Brown; five of whom shall be a quorum. -

6 That Olney Church be directed to respond to the letter of the Pres Com'e, touching an application for the services of Rev J. S. Ball as Stated Supply. C 20

7 That Presbytery grant leave to the churches of Concord & Shiloh to be thrown into the same Pastoral Charge with Taylorsville -

8 That Presbytery direct the Com'e of Sustentation to cooperate with the Pres' Assembly's Com'e in regard to the Fund for "Disabled Ministers", as well as in all others.

9 That whereas the Church of Franklin has declined the services of Rev D. Hood, the Pres' Com'e be directed to send them supplies.

10 That the applications for Stated Supplies, from the Churches of Prospect, Shiloh, Marion, Mocksville, Zion, Davidson's River, Back Creek, Swannanoa, Bethel (M), Newton, Castanea Grove, Unity, Shelby, Taylorsville, Concord, Hebron & Ebenezer, granted by the Com'e of Sustentation, be approved by Pres'y.

Signed C. H. Davis. Chm'n

Leave of absence was granted to Rev B. W. McNeil & D. D. Rev W. A. Wood & S. D. Parks.

W. L. Wood Ch'n

The Com'e appointed, at last meeting, to visit Machpelah Church, reported, recommending that the present status of said Church remain unchanged, which report was approved. -

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Davidson College

The Comt appointed at last meeting, to confer with the Synods of Ga. & S. C. as to their union in the control of Davidson College, made a report, which was accepted & the Comt discharged, & the following resolution adopted: Viz Resolved That it is inexpedient to change the present ecclesiastical relations of Davidson College.

The Minutes of today were read & approved.

Absent without leave

The Roll was called, when it was found that Rev J. H. W. Sherman & Ruling Elder H. A. Torrance were absent without leave.-

Adjournment

Presbytery, then, adjourned to meet at Davisson's River Church, on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in September next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with singing, prayer & benediction

Signed C. W. Harding - Mod'r
Benj L. Bedell } Tem'
A. J. Summey } Clk's

R. Z. Johnston
S. Clerk

Appendix No 1

Absentees

The following Members were absent from the Semi-annual meeting at Castanea Grove, without presenting their reasons for being absent. Viz: Revs R. Burwell, J. E. Davis, & C. McLin D. D.

No 2.

Narrative to the General Assembly to set in Mobile 1869

Concord Presbytery, in reporting to your venerable body concerning the state of religion in her bounds, may tell of things which give us joy, & also of things which should cause us to mourn.-

Something has been done for the salvation of souls, & some progress has been made by increasing the efficiency of our Ch's & extending the Redeemer's kingdom. And yet perhaps very little has been accomplished compared with what ought to have been done. Of the 44 ministers on our roll, there are only 6 who are not engaged in regular & active ministerial work. The reports of the Ch's indicate commendable zeal & diligence on the part of the ministry & show signs of their more abundant labors - their growing interest in their work - of a deeper sense of their responsibility as those who watch for souls, & some children of the world have been brought into the kingdom - many children of the Ch's have been taken into the folds of the good Shepherd, & God's own people been edified & comforted.-

We have Reports from 53 Ch's - 36 tell us of accessions to their membership amounting in aggregate to 375, of whom 209 were received on profession of faith in Jesus

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While no conspicuous works of grace are reported, several Chs show a revived state & quite an increase in members. We would especially mention the little Ch of Swannanoa, where a gracious work of the Holy Spirit is now in progress. Many souls have been led to know & confess their sins— 13 have already been received into the communion of the Ch— others are deeply concerned about their souls— & many of God's people have been greatly refreshed—

Bethesda Ch gives evidence too that God is with it, & is displaying the wonders of his grace in the conversion of souls. During the ecclesiastical year now closing, this Ch has added 42 to the no of its members, thus nearly doubling its membership in the course of one year—

The Ch at Davidson College also reports 24 additions to its number, & much heartfelt seriousness among the young people, which it is hoped will ripen into a yet richer harvest.— Prospect Ch reports 24 additions - 22 on examination & 2 on certificate.—

Prayer Meetings

We hope that God is bestowing upon our Chs in greater measure the spirit of supplication & of prayer. Regular weekly prayer meetings are becoming more prevalent in our congregations. Several Chs report such prayer meetings, which hitherto have neglected this means of grace.

And upon this subject we would respectfully call attention to the fact, that our young men are engaging in this good work. Four of our Chs have regular prayer meetings, composed of young men, conducted by themselves. And yet we grieve to tell you, that 19 of these 23 Chs have no meetings whatever for prayer & praise, & that those which do have them almost uniformly com-

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plain, that they are sadly neglected, even by professed Christians & often by the officers bearers in the Ch—

The Scriptural instruction of our youth receives commendable attention. There are Sabbath Schools & Bible-Classes in almost all our Chs, where the children & youth are instructed in the Scriptures. It is our sad conviction, that religious instruction in the family is neglected to a great extent. It is to be feared, that in many of our families God is never acknowledged, & his blessing never sought by the household at the throne of Grace.—

Benevolent Operations.

We think there are indications of decided improvement in the grace of giving. Presbytery, having recommended to our Chs the scriptural plan of weekly contributions, they are generally adopting it with encouraging results. Of the Congregations which have reported definitely upon this subject, many report that their contributions have been doubled, & all report that they have greatly increased, since the adoption of this plan. And the table of Statistics confirms this statement. Let our case serve for an illustration: Presbytery's Com of Sustentation reported last year that our Chs contributed only $620 while $1800 were appropriated within our bounds. This year the same Com reports that the Chs have contributed over $2000, while only $900 have been appropriated among ourselves. We are endeavouring to train our people to place this duty upon the high grounds of principle & privilege - to worship God with their substance, & that even the poorest should worship Him in this way. It is believed that a larger number of our Chs have contributed to all the causes of benevolence, than has ever been the case before.

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And while our Chs are by no means coming up to the full measure of their duty in this matter, yet there is cause for gratitude & praise in this statement of facts.—
We attach the more importance to this subject inasmuch as we believe that it constitutes one of the best criterions of the life of a Ch & of the presence & keeping of the Divine Head. Hence we find that those Chs which are not cultivating this grace, give no indications of activity or improvement in any other direction.

— Waste Places &c —

There is a large extent of our territory which is almost entirely destitute of the means of grace, administered under Presbyterian auspicies. To work in this field we have an efficient Evangelist & several Missionaries, whose labors have been blessed. Much good seed has been sown & the scattered sheep of our flocks have been comforted. During the past year several of our vacant Chs have secured the services of Ministers. But still the unoccupied fields & waste places of our Zion are sadly in need of some one to care for their souls. In this connexion we are constrained to state that we are doing comparatively nothing for the religious instruction of the colored population.
There are indications, however, that Providence is again opening this door of usefulness so long closed against us, & Presbytery now has under consideration the subject as to what can be done for the evangelization of this unfortunate people, in whose spiritual welfare we are so deeply concerned.—
Inlooking over our widely extended field summing up the matters of this report, we think we see signs of progress. Advances have certainly been made in several directions.

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But we have not fully developed our resources— we have not improved as we ought to have done the opportunities which the Great Head of the Ch has furnished us.—
All which is respectfully submitted

Signed

Rodney Rushtey } E. H. Harding. Mod'r
May 1869 }

No 3

— Systematic Benevolence —

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully reports to the Genl Assembly concerning the cause of Systematic Benevolence, as follows—

1st — Statistics —

47	Churches contributed to Evangelization —		$2106.02
35	" " "	Foreign Missions	" 892.24
37	" " "	Education	" 1603.08
32	" " "	Publication	" 450.93
	Sum of Benevolent contributions		$4933.43
41	Churches contributed to Presbyterial purposes		495.00
41	" " "	Congregational	" 1840.08
25	" "	Miscellaneous	" 5095.31
	Total sum contributed for all religious objects =		$28935.82

2 Comparing these Statistics with the Statistics of the previous year, we notice improvement, during the year now ended, as follows:
$1318.02 more has been contributed to Benevolence
$5420.22 " " " in the aggregate

Castanea Grove N. Co. May 3 1869

Our Benevolent contributions for the last year was equal to $12.51 per each Church - the previous year it was $52.32 per Church. Last year each member gave, on an average 77½ cts, - the previous year it was 53 cts per member.

Our contributions to Foreign Missions & Education, have been almost doubled, during the last year.

Our Ministers has been better paid.

B[rother] The above aggregate would be larger, had full statistics been recieved from all of the Chs, which we know have contributed. Twenty two of our Chs have introduced a weekly plan of Benevolent contributions.

This object has been earnestly considered by Presbytery, Through the agency of an efficient Com[mittee] of Substitution, to whose management this work is committed in part, we feel encouraged, & hope for still more favorable developments in the future.

Res[pectfully] Submitted

By order of Presbytery
May 1869

R. Z. Johnston
Stated Clk

Statistical Report of the Presbytery of Concord Synod of N. C. to the General Assembly in Mobile Ala. May 1869

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Gen'l Assembly That it consists of 44 ministers, 4 licentiates & 4 candidates

Ministers, Licentiates & Candidates	Post Office	Churches		Added on Examination	Added on Profession	Total	Baptisms Infants	Baptisms Adults	Baptisms by Children of Members & Heads of Families	Sunday Schools	Scholars	Contributions for Missions	Contributions for Education	Contributions for Publication	Contributions for Colportage	Contributions for Congregational	Contributions for Incidentals
R. H. Morrison D. D. S. S.	Cottage Home N. C.	Unity (Lincoln Co.)	S. S.	1	3	49	1					45	20	30	15	8	
		Catawba Grove	S. S.														
A. D. Montgomery, N. C.	Salisbury "	Machpelah	V	1	4	61	4					20	15	15	15	8	385
						10											
Jesse Rankin P. C.	Lenoir "	Lenoir	P. C.														
D. R. Venick S. P.	Pinnes Mills "	Rocky River	P	2	3	42	2		42			42	10	15	10	5	286 150
Danl Lindley, A. M.	Port Natal, S. Africa	Wadesboro	V	3	5	311	19		160			97	17	78	65	30	962
Robt Burwell Ris	Charlotte N. C.	Spruce Creek	V														
J. C. Morrison, Teacher	Wadesboro "	Lebanon	V	6	4	165	11	1	50	37		27	20	40	16	857	
J. D. Hall, N. C.	Wood Lawn "	Goshen	V			59			50	6							
Thos D. Johnston, D. M.	Morganton "	Drusilla	V			40											
John Douglas D	Charlotte "	Flat Creek	P			9						2	20				
		Pleasant Hill	P			315						28				500	
Nathan Shotwell S	Rutherfordton "	Rutherfordton	V	2	8	69	2		25	8		6	00		5		15 00
		Little Billain	P			29											
		Shelby	S. S.			84	1		40						8		
						14	3										
Wm M. Morrison, N. C.	Asheville "	Franklinsville	V			22	2		16	20		6	8	4	4	205	
R. H. McPhail D. D. Pres	Davidson College "	College	P	17	7	52	1	4	40	34		40	22	5	5	209	
Robt Hill Chapman D. D. S. S.	Asheville "	Davidson River	S. S.	1	1	43	4	1	40	5		10	10	4	5	200	10
C. F. Rockwell Pres	Statesville "	Mills River	V	1		42	4		20	4		5	3	4		155	120
Wm Graves D. M.	Mills River "	Hendersonville	V	1	1	28	4	1	25	3		10	3	4		125	120
Walter W. Pharr, P. C.	Statesville "	Mallard Creek	P. C.	13	6	150	18	2	50	17	50		40		10	316	90
		Hanah	P. C.	3		120	4		20	12					6	129	
Thos N. Paxton S. S.	Marion "	Marion	S. S.		2	30	1			25		20	18	8	3	200	15
		Siloam	S. S.		1	44			25	10		16	4	5	3	218	4 50
R. M. Bibb S. S.	Mocksville "	Mocksville	S. S.	2	7	43	1		30	12		10					
		Labor	S. S.	11		45			45								
J. N. Freeman N. C.	Wood Lawn "	Newsom	V			30											

Has under its care 69 churches & 12 candidates. 12 Licentiates

Statistical Report of Presbytery to Genl Assembly 1869

Ministers & Licentiates & Candidates		Post-Offices		Churches		Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Total Add'n	Baptisms Infants	Baptisms Adults	No Children in Church S.S.	Funds collected Stated Collections	Funds collected Incidental Expenses	Funds collected Church Erection	Funds collected Pastor's Salary	Funds collected Boards	Funds collected Congregational	Funds collected Miscellaneous
Thos C. Davis, Teacher		Marion	N. C.	Beulah	V			8										
Robt N. Davis	P	Lincolnton	"	Lincolnton	V	3	2	67	1		45	31.70		19			400	
				Long Creek	V	3		101	2		40	6.25		5.60	4	5	140	
				Newton	S.S.		1	35			25	3.00		14		3		
J. C. Miller D.D.	S.S.	Taylorsville	"	Taylorsville	S.S.	5	1	57	4	1	40	21	7.00	7	6	10	250	
				Shiloh	S.S.			40										
				Concord	S.S.			200										
J. C. Williams	P	Charlotte	"	Hopewell	V	6	7	168	14	1	60	20			11	20	587.50	3120.00
J. C. Pharr D.D.	P.C.	Salisbury	"	Thyatira	P.C.			182										
				Franklin (M)	P.C.			48										
J. Hood	S.S.	Franklin	"	Ebenezer	S.S.	9		44				15.25	2	1	1	2	180.00	
A. W. Miller D.D.	P.	Charlotte	"	Charlotte	V	8	23	237	6	1	180	833.65	154.00	354.00	75	50	2500	470.00
Benj L. Baily, Evangel		Lincoln	"	Wilkesboro	V			21				14	7	4	4	2	113.00	
W. C. Shultz	P	Morganton	"	Morganton	V	10	1	95	5		40	10	10	10	60.00	8	900	
B. D. Parks	P.	Charlotte	"	Sugar Creek	V	2	7	234	12		100	125	65	34.05	80	90.00	1755	8.50
Alex Sinclair	Ch. Sup.	Charlotte	"	Olivet	V			117	8			19.00		5.65	6	14.05		
J. J. Barr	S.S.	Lincolnton	"	Dallas	S.S.	4	4	19	1	2				3		2	70	
				Caldwell	V	2		222	13							8		4.05
J. Rumple	P.	Salisbury	"	Salisbury	V	1	4	125	4		175	115	41	600	18	20	1800	70
D. A. Penick jr	P.	Concord	"	Poplar Tent	P.	6	6	162	13	2	65	49.30	22	84	15	20	800	182.50
Wm M. Pharr	P	Davidson College	"	Bethphage	V	3	4	181	10		40	27.01	26.35	16	5	10	254.50	15
				Centre	V	3	2	121	7		50	29.35	20.00	23.05	10	12	228	10
E. H. Harding	P.	Concord	"	Concord Town	V	3	1	142	11		70	25	7	47	17		1052	2.50
Robt Bradley	S.S.	Dutch Hall	"	Back Creek	S.S.	1	6	150	4	1	70	16.05			2.00	8.30	400	300
				Prospect	S.S.	22	2	340	16		60	42.25			1	12	2902	15.85
W. A. Wood	O.C.	Rowan Mills	"	Third Creek	O.C.	3	1	167	3		40	15.60		24.05	23.85	15		17
				Unity (R)	O.C.	8	1	100	3	1	50	18.05		21.05	7.01		275	

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Ministers Licentiates Candidates	Post Office	Churches	
R. H. Johnston S.	Charlotte N. C.	Sharon	S
		Providence	S.
R. B. Anderson Ris	Yorkville S. C.	Bethesda	S
Wm McDonald S	Charlotte N. C.	Philadelphia	S
		Bethlehem	S.
N. H. Banks S	Asheville N. C.	Asheville	S
		Swannanoa	S. S.
J. J. Kennedy S	South Point "	New Hope	S
R. N. Caldwell S.	Cool Spring "	Bethany	S
44		Fifth Creek	S.
Licentiates			
J. C. Kennedy	Davidson College "	Jefferson	V
Wm N. Dickey	Charlotte "	Sandy Plains	V
2			
Candidates - 12		Bethel (M)	S. S.
		Bethel (St)	V
		Salem	V
		69	

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Presbytery in Mobile Ala 1869

Communicants			Baptisms			Funds collected						
Added on Examination	On Certificate	Total No	Infants	Adults	No of Children in S. S. & Bible Classes	Sustentation	Foreign Missions	Home Miss.	Publication	Church Erect'n	Congregational	Incidental Expenses
6	6	162	13	2	100	43.50	11.83	8.83	8.83	4	415	4
		110	4		25	19.50	8.00			12	300	
19	23	88	12	1	45	5	10	2.65		6		8
		196	14		80	15				5.85	5.10	
		45										
1	4	80	6	1	55	75.50	121.83	31.30	30	48	713.50	110
13		48	5	3	90	8.65	5	1		3	79.00	25.0
4	4	126	6	2	35	4				7	252	
5	1	75	1			10	4.25	3.65	6.25		141	
1	6	80	4		65	9.65	3.05		3.25	5	140	4
2		6				8.65				2	2	
		8										
		45										
5		31	1		300	3						
		32										
209	169	6386	293	27	2653	2006.04	879.04	160.05	41.83	495.00	1810.35	5695.04

2. 1869

Davidson River Ch Transylvania Co N. C. Thursday. 11. a.m. Oct.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment was opened with a sermon, by the Moderator Rev E. H. Harding, from John 14-6. "Dam the way." After sermon the Mod. constituted the meeting with prayer, calling on Rev A. W. Miller D.D. to lead in prayer. The roll was called, & the following member reported present

Ministers	Churches	Ruling Elders
R. Burwell	Charlotte	F. Scarr
Wm H. Morrison	Tyron	J. G. Johnston
R. H. Chapman D.D.	Sugar Creek	J. M. Hutchison
Wm Graves	Lenoir	R. L. Beall
P. R. Paxton	Marion	J. B. Rankin
G. W. Gibbs	Asheville	D. F. Summey
A. W. Miller D.D.	Hendersonville	Wm Connell
B. L. Beall	Davidson River	Chas Pethon
J. Rumple	Franklin (Macons)	B. F. Moore
D. A. Penick Jr	Obenezer	E. C. Sellers
E. H. Harding	Mills River	
W. A. Wood	Poplar Tent	
R. J. Johnston	Hopewell	
H. H. Banks	Swannanoa	
Walter N. Pharr	Flat Creek	
J. C. Williams	Castanea Grove	
Robt Bradley		

Davidson River Thursday, Sept 2 1869

Gibbs elected Modr & Dr Summey & Beall Scribes

Rev P. M. Gibbs was elected Modr & Dr D. F Summey & Dr R. L. Beall, Scribes.

Rev Walter W. Pharr appeared in Presbytery rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last stated meeting of Presbytery were read.

Brackett & Brooks invited to sit

Rev B. R. Brackett, of Harmony Pres & Rev B. M. Brooks, of the Baptist Church, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Presbytery took recess for one hour.

Letters from Barr, Douglas, Hood, Rankin & Rockwell.

After recess, letters were read, from Revs J. S. Barr, John Douglas, J. Hood, & Jesse Rankin, giving satisfactory excuses for absence from the present meeting.

Letter from Lindsley & Com to reply.

A letter to Presbytery from Rev Dan'l Lindsley, Miss to South Africa, was read. On motion, it was ordered that the letter be published in the "N. C. Presbyterian" & a Com consisting of Revs R. H. Morrison D. D. D. A. Penick & R. Burwell, was appointed to reply to Rev D. Lindsley's letter, & convey to him the Christian salutations & sympathy of the Presbytery.

A letter with satisfactory excuse for absence for on the present meeting, from Rev E. F. Rockwell, was read.

Communication from S. Clk of F. Presby

A letter from Rev J. D. McPherson, Stated Clerk of Fayetteville Presbytery, containing attested Resolutions, proposing to share the Trusteeship of Davidson College with the Presbytery of Wilmington, was read, & on motion, laid on the table.

Verbal Excuses of Penick & Montgomery

Satisfactory verbal excuses were made in behalf of Revs D. A. Penick & A. D. Montgomery.

Davidson River Thursday Sept 2 1869

Wood called to Bethesda & 4th Creek

A Call from Bethesda Church for the pastoral services of Rev W. A. Wood, promising to pay him Two Hundred Dollars, in equal yearly payments for One Third of his time, was placed in his hands. A Call from Fourth Creek Church for the pastoral services of Rev W. A. Wood, was read & returned to the congregation for correction.

Letter from Parks.

A letter from Rev E. D. Parks, giving satisfactory excuse for not attending the present meeting was read.

Order of day on Division of Presbytery

On motion the Report of the Com on the Division of Presbytery was made the order of the day for tomorrow at 10. o'clock A. M.

Standing Rules read

The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read.

Com's appointed by Modr

The Modr appointed the following Com's

Com on Devotional Exercises

Rev Robt Hett Chapman D. D.
Elder Chas Patton

" Bills & Overtures -
Rev W. W. Parks.
" Wm M. Morrison
Elder F. Scarr

" Judicial Com
Rev A. W. Miller D. D.
" B. L. Beall
" Elder J. B. Rankin

" Minutes of Gen'l Assembly
Rev D. N. Paxton
" Walter W. Pharr
Elder J. M. Hutchison

Davidson River. Thursday - Sept 2 - 1869.

Com: Ob Narrative to Synod -
Rev J. Rumple
" E. H. Harding
Eld B. W. Moore.

Williams
Bradley
Eld's Britton
Johnston
Kerns
French

Rev J. C. Williams & Rev Robt Bradly appeared, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. Ruling Elders Leander Britton from Mills River Ch: Milus Johnston from Piney Fort Ch' & J. D. Kerns from Hopewell Ch' appeared & gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.-

Resolution on Devotion

On motion, It was resolved to spend half an hour of each morning session in Devotional Exercises.-

Flat Creek restored

Rev. A. W. Miller D. D. made a statement in regard to Flat Creek Church, & on motion the action of Presbytery, striking the Church from the Roll, was rescinded & the Church restored to its former position.-

Scott offi Supt of Instruction

On motion Dr A Scott was appointed Treasurer of Sustentation & Education, pro tem.-

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a.m. Tomorrow - closed with prayer by Rev Dr Chapman -

Davidson River. Friday 9 a.m. Sept 3 - 1869

Presbytery met according to adjournment & spent half hour in devotional exercises.

Minutes of preceding day were read, corrected & approved - Roll was called -

W. N. Morrison & Saml Morrison added to Com' to reply to letter of Lindly

On motion Rev Wm N. Morrison & Mr Saml Morrison (of Rocky River) were added to the Com' appointed to reply to Rev D. Lindly's letter.-

Report of Com' to Dr Douglas - Westall Elder

A report from Rev John Douglas, Com' to the last Gen' Assembly was read.-

T. C. Westall, Elder from Swannanoa Ch' appeared rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Division of Pres report

The order of the day for 10 a. m. Viz The Report of the Com' on Division of Pres, having arrived, Rev J. Rumple, Chm', read the report of the Com'.

On motion the report was received & discussed.-

Report on Foreign Mission

The order of the day for 11 Oclock on 2d day of Fall Sessions. Viz Hearing Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, having arrived, a report on that subject was submitted, read by the Agent Rev R. B. Johnston. On motion, the Report was received, approved & is as follows:—

1 - Report on Foreign Missions -

To the Presbytery of Concord -

Your Agent for Foreign Mission would report.

1 - That from October 1868 to September 1869 there has been given to this cause the sum of $18[illegible]

Davis 1868 Oct 7. Rev D. D. Parks gave $5.00
" " Little girl in Sharon Ch .10

1868 Oct 17	Steele Creek Ch - This Rec'd.		$17.05
" "	Taylorsville "		7.20
Nov "	Child in Providence Ch		.50
Dec 7	Steele Creek		11.60
" 25	Little Boys in Sharon "		.15
1869 Feb 16	South Creek "		14.25
Apr 29	Fifth Creek "		3.05
" "	Castanea Grove "		15.00
" "	Pleasant Hill "		6.00
" "	Unity (Fin' Co') "		20.00
" "	Rev J. C. Kennedy "		5.00
" "	Poplar Tent "		22.00
" "	Silver Creek Chapel		4.00
" "	Dunsilla "		2.00
" "	Morganton "		10.00
" 30	South Creek "		11.60
" "	Lenoir "		10.00
May 5	Marion "		8.00
" 15	Back Creek "		16.95
" 16	Ramah "		10.00
" 22	Bethphage "		20.00
June 25	Rocky River "		36.30
" 29	Poplar Tent Padies Amendment Sig		16.50
" "	Taylorsville		10.00
" "	Concord Church (-15 ch expenses)		8.55
" "	Shiloh		5.00
July 9	Prospect		26.05
" 17	Sugar Creek		60.00
Aug 11	Centre		15.00
" "	Providence		5.00

Aug 24	Rocky River	$20.25
Sept 2	Marion	15.80
" "	Moxville	10.00
" "	Hopewell	25.00
" "	Steele Creek	40.00
" "	Pleasant Hill	4.00
" "	Charlotte	125.00
"	Asheville	84.88
	Caldwell	4.00
	Back Creek	20.00
	Statesville D. River & M. River Chs	11.28
	Concord Town	15.25
	Total	$761.88

2. That less money, by $17.55, has been given to this cause, during this year, than was given the previous year. But more money will soon be given by some Churches which adopted the weekly plan.

3 Your Agent would call attention to the effort now making, to procure a Printing Press for the Chinese Mission.

4th Resolved: That Presbytery commend this object to the prayerful attention & liberal support of our people.

Davidson River N. Ch Sept 3d 1869 — Respectfully Submitted, R. Z. Johnston - Agt A. M.

On Motion, Rev D. A. Penick pr & J. B. Rankin were appointed Com to audit the Accts of the Agent of A. Missions

On Motion, Presbytery took recess till after Divine service

Division taken up.

Order of day

Overture from Prospect Session

Paper on Eldership

Rev J. B. Rankin

James H. Morrison rec'd as Candidate

Anderson Shotwell & Hunter report

Report of Evangelist

After Recess - On Motion, the unfinished business - the Report on Division of Pres - was taken up. & pending the vote, Presbytery took recess of three quarters of an hour. After Recess - on motion it was resolved - That it be made the order of the day to have a free conversation on the State of religion, immediately after the order of the day for 3 O'Clock P M.

An Overture from the Session of Prospect Church was read & refered to the Com on Bills & Overtures.

A Paper on the duties of the Eldership was read & submitted by J. B. Rankin, of Marion Ch, & refered to the Com on Bills & Overtures.

Mr James H. Morrison, of Asheville Ch was introduced by Rev H. H. Banks, & examined on his religious experience & motives for seeking the Ministry, & was received as a Candidate under care of Pres & commended to the special attention of the Com on Education.

Rev R. G. Anderson appeared & gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Dr C. L. Hunter, Elder from Eastatoe Presb Ch appeared & gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness. His name was enrolled.

Rev H. Shotwell appeared & gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Report of the Evangelist Rev B. L. Beall - was heard. The report was partial, interesting, & shewing the prospects of the Church in the Mountain region. On Motion, the Report was approved & the Evangelist commended for his diligence.

Rev Mr Pharr & Mr McDonald

McDonald report

Compromise

Rumple reports Narrative

Pres Mr H. Pharr & Mr McDonald appeared rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness.

The order of the day - Free conversation on Religion - was taken up. After many interesting statements in regard to the condition of the Churches, Presbytery, on motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'Clock a. m. tomorrow. - Closed with prayer by Rev Dr Miller.

Saturday - Sept 4th 1869 (9 a. m.)

Presbytery met according to adjournment & spent just half hour in devotional exercises.

Roll was called & minutes of yesterday were read, corrected & approved.

Rev J. Rumple, Chm of Com on Narrative, read a report, which was received, approved, ordered to be sent to Synod & is as follows

- Narrative -

The Presbytery of Concord, in reporting the state of religion to the Synod of North Carolina, desires to record the fact, that there have been manifest tokens for good among our Churches, calling for due gratitude to the Head of the Ch for his many mercies to his unworthy children.

Reports have come up to us from forty of our Chs, & in the majority of them, there is manifestation of encouragement, & in nearly one third, there has been a marked increase of interest in religion, while several of our Chs have been visited with

a gracious outpouring of the Spirit, resulting in the conversion of many to God.

In most of our Chs. there have been additions at each Communion Season. Our Chs. seem to be more fully alive to the importance of Sabbath Schools & Bible Classes & Congregational Prayer Meetings than ever before.

In some instances Mission Schools (Sabbath) are doing a good work, & in one case in Charlotte a Mission day-School is conducted under the care of the ladies of the Ch.

Narrative

We are pleased to report also that about half of our Chs. have adopted the Plan of Systematic giving by weekly subscription, as recommended to the Chs. This has resulted in a general increase of Benevolent contributions, & in some cases, has doubled the amount given the previous year.

In addition to other Missionary labors, our Evangelist has been preaching statedly at some fifty points in the region outside the circle of our organized Chs., travelling nearly three thousand miles, thus lifting up the Gospel banner in the dark places of the State, & gaining a hearing for the doctrines of our Ch. where they were either unknown or known only by the caricature & misrepresentation of opposers. -

In connection, however, with these evidences of advancement we are compelled to

report that in several instances there has been no special interest, & in some cases even positive discouragement. There have been cases of discipline & defection from our Chs. even in the case of Office-bearers of the Chs. Romanism is making inroads upon our territory, establishing itself in several prominent points, & in some cases receiving material aid & countenance from members of Protestant congregations -

With grateful recollections of the past & hopes for the future

Respectfully submitted

J. Rumple. Sec'y

Anns of Dept Miss instituted

Rev Danl A. Penick Jr. from the Com' appointed to audit the accounts of the Dept of Missions, made a report, which was received & approved & is as follows: viz

The Com' appointed to audit the accts of the Treas of For' Missions, report. That we have the same correctly kept - with proper vouchers for all payments &, that there is on hand $188.05

D. A. Penick Jr. Chm'

Rankin installed as Pastor of Lincoln Ch. 2d Sat. June

The Com' appointed at last meeting, to install Rev Jesse Rankin, Pastor of Lincoln Ch; reported They had performed the duty on the 2d Sat. & June 1869 - The report was approved -

Walter Pharr installed Mallard Ex Remark

The Com appointed at last meeting to install Rev Walter W. Pharr reported the duty discharged at the time & place appointed - Report approved.

D.C. Pharr installed at Thyatira & Franklin

The Com appointed at last meeting to install Rev D. C. Pharr, reported the duty discharged at the time & place appointed - Report approved.

This week of Institutes approv

Rev J. Rumple, Chm of Institutes, reported that the Com of Institutes had examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Institutes, as ordered by Presbytery, & found the payments sustained by proper vouchers. - Report was approved

J. Rumple Chm

Com on Circular to Chs report

The Com appointed at last meeting to issue Circular to the Chs reported the duty discharged - Report was approved. -

Overture to Prospect Sessions

The Com on Bills & Overtures reported on the Overture from Session of Prospect Church

On motion, the report was received, discussed & amended by a substitute viz as follows (See Appendix A)

Paper on Eldership by J. B. Rankin

The Com on Bills & Overtures made a report on the overture in regard to the Eldership, which was received, amended & adopted, ordered to be published in the "N. C. Presbyterian" & "Southern Presbyterian" viz as follows (See Appendix B)

The Com of Institutes was directed to print these Reports & send a copy to each Session.

The Order of the day for 11 o'clock a.m. having arrived, it was deferred till after Divine service.

Act in regard to Flat Creek

On motion, Presbytery took recess till after Divine service - After recess, on motion, Presbytery heard a preamble resolutions in regard to Flat Creek Ch which were amended, adopted & are as follows -

Whereas, The Presbytery has restored the name of Flat Creek Church to the roll of Churches of this body; & whereas, the representative of that Church, has reported, on this floor, that there is no house of worship there - no records of the acts of the Session - no roll of Members - that he is the only ruling Elder there, & that the Presbyterians of that community are strong in attachment for our Church, & desire more attention from this Presbytery; Therefore

Be it resolved 1st That this point be especially commended to the attention of our Com of Institutes

2d That Revs A. A. Banks & R. B. Anderson & Wm N. Morrison be requested to visit that field at their earliest convenience, & confer with the Church & aid & instruct them in the election, ordination & installation of additional Elders, & Deacons, & direct the Session to procure a book & appoint a Clerk, who shall enroll the members & keep the records &c"

Report on Publication

The Agent of Publication - Rev E. H. Harding - made a report, which was approved, ordered to be recorded viz as follows:

Report of Agent of Publications:

Sept 1868 -	Received from former Agt. (R. D. Parker)	$	27. 00
1869,	" Concord Town		7. 00
Jan 7	" College Church		5. 00
Feb	" Hillsboro		4. 75

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	Jas Ag Sp.	Taylorsville	$6.00
	Mpi "	Bethany	6.75
		Concord Town	10.00
		Fifth Creek	3.35
	May	Eastatoe Grove	15.00
		Rocky River	32.65
		Poplar Tent	10.00
Publication		Davidsons River	4.70
		Hendersonville	6.10
		Mills River	3.55
		Unity	15.00
		Siloam	5.00
		Statesville	4.15
		Sugar Creek	40.00
		Morganton	6.50
		Hopewell	15.00
		Franklin & Ebenezer	5.00
		Centre	5.00
	July	Marion	8.00
	Sept	Asheville	23.00

Making whole amt received, since Sept 1868 — — — — $266.00

All of which has been forwarded regularly to Treas at Richmond -

E. N. Harding
Agent Publication

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Treas's accts audited

On motion Rev Walter W. Pharr & J. G. Johnston Elder, were appointed a Com to audit this accounts of the Agt of Publication -

On motion Pres took recess for three quarters of an hour -

Report on Salaries of Ministers & Supplies

After recess, Rev J. Rumple, Chm of Sustentation Com read a report in regard to Salaries of Ministers, & in regard to Supplies in destitute places - The report was received & approved & is as follows:

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The Com of Sustentation report to the Presbytery of Concord, the following statements on the subject of the Salaries of Ministers (See Papers filed - marked 1.2.3. A.) The report says. Eight of our Ministers are without Salary - Thirty seven Pastors & stated Supplies receive an aggregate salary of $23699.00, an average of $640.00 - Twenty three receive $600.00 or upwards - nine receive under $600.00. -

The Com of Sustentation would respectfully nominate the following Supplies for ensuing winter -

1 Rev J. Hood spend two sabbaths at Hiwasee & Beulah
2 " Wm H. Morrison & Wm Pharr spend each Sab at Franklin (Mn)
3 " Wm H. Morrison 4 Sabs & Banks 1 Sab at Flat Creek
4 " Hood Sab & administer Sacraments at Third Creek & Unity (R)
5 " Rumple preach at discretion in East Rowan
6 " Harding & Brick Pi at discretion at Rock Ridge & East Eatonton & Stanly
7 " Johnston (R.M.), McDonald & Bates at discretion in Union Co
8 " Morrison (J.H.) 2 Sabs at Madestown
9 " Hall 2 Sabs at Franklin (Mn) & 4 at discretion in Boston Co

11 Rev Burwell 4 Sabs in destitute places in Mecklenburg Co
11 " Williams 1 " near St Blairs, in Union Co
12 " Kennedy (J. C.) preach & Sab at discretion in vacant Chs.
13 That all others such out some destitute field & spend a Sab or week day & report time & place to next meeting of Pres.

The Com appointed to audit the acct of the Agent of Publication made a report which was recd & approved viz as follows:
The Com appointed to examine the accounts of the Agent for Publication would report.
That they have examined the accts & find they are all correct.

Com { Walter W. Pharr
J. S. Johnston

The unfinished business, was taken up. viz
The Report of the Com on division of Presbytery, which was amended, adopted viz as follows viz

Report on Division of Presbytery

The Com appointed by Concord Presbytery to consider the whole subject of the division of the Presbytery & propose lines, having held correspondence upon the matter, beg leave to report.

1 That a division is desirable, both for the purpose of ensuring it more efficient in overlooking the field & of saving time & expense in attending the meetings of the Presbytery.

2 Your Com therefore recommend that the Presbytery adopt & forward the following overture to the Synod of North Carolina. Viz

To the Synod of North Carolina

(This overture was reconsidered see pages 602. 603. 605.)

Overture to Synod to divide Pres.

The Presbytery of Concord, being persuaded that the work of the Lord would be more efficiently performed, & at the same time much labor expense & time saved by a division of our territory & churches, most respectfully overture the venerable Synod of North Carolina, so to divide our bounds, as to make 2 Presbyteries, comprising the following counties, each: One, the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, to include the counties of Anson, Union, Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Gaston, Cleveland, Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Clay & Cherokee - 17 - & the following Ministers, R. H. Morrison, Thos P. Johnston, J. C. Morrison, Jas D. Hall, Walter W. Pharr, John Douglas, R. Burwell, D. M. McPhail, A. H. Miller, B. D. Parks, J. C. Williams, R. Z. Johnston, Wm McDonald, R. B. Anderson, J. F. W. Freeman, R. N. Davis, J. S. Barr, John J. Kennedy, Nathan Stockwell, Thos N. Paxton, Thos E. Davis, R. H. Chapman, Wm N. Morrison, H. H. Banks, Wm Graves, & Jas. Hood; & the following Churches - College, Bethel (Meck), Ramah, Mallard Creek, Charlotte, Sugar Creek, Steele Creek, Pleasant Hill, Hopewell, Caldwell, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Providence, Sharon, Madeiston, Lebanon, Unity (Linn) Castanea Grove, Mackpelah, Goshen, New Hope, Olney, Dallas, Lincolnton, Long Creek, Shelby, Rutherford, Little Britain, Sandy Plains, Marion, Silvam, Danville, Swannanoa, Asheville, Flat Creek, Hendersonville, Mills River, Davidson River, Bethel (Haz) Shamblin (no

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Overture to Synod on division of Presb'y

Ebenezer, Hiwassee, & Beulah – 43:–
The Other Presbytery, the Presbytery of Concord, to include the counties of Stanly, Cabarrus, Rowan, Iredell, Catawba, Davie, Yadkin, Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes, Alexander, Caldwell, Burke, Watauga, Mitchell, Yancey, Madison – 17; & the following Churches: Lincoln, Morganton, Newton, Jefferson, Wilkesboro, Taylorsville, Salem, Concord, Shiloh, Fourth Creek, Bethesda, Centre, Bethphage, Prospect, Back Creek, Bethany, Zion, Fifth Creek, Mocksville, Unity, W. Third Creek, Thyatira, Franklin, Pr: Salisbury, Poplar Tent, Concord-Town & Rocky River – 27; & the following Ministers, Pepe Rankin, Saml Lindsly, D. A. Penick Sr. Geo W. Gibbs, W. C. Shultz, B. L. Ball, D. A. Penick Jr. Wm A. Wood, E. H. Harding, Wm W. Orr, J. Rumple, R. H. Caldwell, Robt Bradley, A. D. Montgomery, C. F. Rockwell, J. C. Miller, S. C. Orr – 17:

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg embracing 17 Counties, 43 Churches & 26 Ministers; & the Presbytery of Concord embracing 17 Counties, 27 Churches & 17 Ministers –

Com to prepare overture

On motion Rev A. W. Miller D. D. J. Rumple & J. M. Hutchison Esqs were appointed to prepare an overture to Synod on division of Presbytery.

Consent to Pr. Pr's to divide Jurisdiction of Davidson College with the Pr's

On motion, It was resolved that the request of Fayetteville Presbytery, in regard to the Trusteeship of Davidson College be complied with.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted: Do wit

Trustees of D. College required to furnish Pr. with list of Trustees & Pr's

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Resolved That the Board of Trustees of Davidson College be required to furnish this Presbytery, through its Stated Clerk, with the list of the Trustees, elected by this body, who fail to attend the annual meetings of the Board. –

Place & Time for Spring Meeting

On motion, Centre Church, Iredell Co was selected, as the Place, & Wednesday before the second Sabbath of April 1870, at the 11. o'clock a. m. as the Time, for the next semiannual meeting of Presbytery. –

Thanks to D. Pres'n people

On motion, The Thanks of Presbytery were tendered to the congregation & community of Davidson River for their kindness & hospitality, & the Rev R. H. Chapman D. D. ordered to give this resolution publicity from the Pulpit. –

On motion Presbytery took recess, till after divine service this evening, candle light. –

After recess, Presbytery met, & the Com appointed to prepare overture to Synod on division of Presbytery, made a report, which was received, discussed & adopted. (See page 591 & 592). –

Resolution in regard to Trustees of D. College & Pr's

The following resolution was proposed & adopted Do wit Resolved, That it is the sense of this Presbytery of Concord, now in Session, that, in the proposed division of the Presbytery into two bodies, the Trustees of Davidson College & of Concord Female College, for time to come, be appointed, the one half by the one Presbytery, & the other half by the other, – & that the liabilities of the Presbytery of Concord to its Evangelist, up to the close of this year, be equally divided between the two Presbyteries.

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On motion, it was resolved, That the Evangelist be reappointed to continue his labors until the meeting of Synod, & that his salary be proportionally the same as at present- On motion it was resolved, That the Com of Sustentation appt the Churches to meet the liabilities of Presbytery to the Evangelist.-

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet in Morganton N.C. at the Call of the Moderator, during the meeting of Synod of North Carolina.-

Closed with singing, prayer & benediction.

Signed Wm M. Gibbs- Mod x
D. F. Summey } Scribes
R. L. Beall }

R. J. Johnston
Stated Clerk-

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Appendix- No 1- Absentees

The following members were absent from the meeting of Presbytery at Davidsons River & without giving reason for absence- viz Rev J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, J. P. Johnston, D. N. McNeill D. D, J. H. W. Truman, J. E. Davis, R. N. Davis, S. C. Millen D. D. S. C. Pratt, N. C. Sheets, J. J. Kennedy & R. H. Caldwell.

The following failed to render excuse for absence from the meeting at Castana Grove. viz Rev J. E. Davis & S. C. Millen D. D.-

Appendix A-

Overture from Prospect Church-

The following is Overture, from Prospect Church

The Session of Prospect Church respectfully ask the Presbytery of Concord to answer the following overture viz- What is the Session to do with members of the Church who go off & connect themselves with other churches & then ask certificates?

The Overture was answered as follows;

The names of such persons should, by order of the Session, as a censure of their irregular action be stricken from the roll of Church members.

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Appendix - B- Paper on Eldership by J. B. Rankin

In reference to the Memorial presented by Elder J. B. Rankin concerning the Office & duties of the Ruling Elder & the duties of Pastors & Sessions in relation thereto, Your Committee would respond, That, having carefully examined the paper they judge it to be in accordance with the principles of Scripture, & the teachings of our Standards, & calculated, if reduced to practice, greatly to elevate the dignity & efficiency of the Ruling Elder's office, & to promote the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom- & they heartily recommend the adoption of the paper & the appended resolutions.

All which is respectfully submitted

signed A. H. Banks } Com'
Wm N. Morrison } on Bills &
F. Lear } Overtures

The Paper is as follows:

The office of Ruling Elder is not of human appointment, but of divine authority. Though elected by the members of the Church, & standing as their representative, he is yet one of Christ's officers & agents, deriving all his power & authority from Him, as the Great Head of the Church: & he should labor with diligence & unremitting zeal in the service of his Master. Upon the faithfulness & intelligence of these office-bearers in the Church, very much depends, & hence they should be not only decently pious, but well instructed. Aside from other important duties, they are to judge of the piety & orthodoxy of applicants for membership in the Church, & are to receive & reject them. They are to watch

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reprove, counsel & admonish & do all they can to edify the body of Christ. When necessary, they are to bring offenders before the proper tribunal, may examine proofs, & assist in pronouncing, suspending, or excommunicating from "the communion & family of Christ." They are to sit in the higher judicatories of the Church, to vote upon the Licensure & Ordination of Ministers, & to decide upon questions involving the very purity of our religious Creed- questions that may even rend the body of Church.—

Now, it is self-evident that the duties of this responsible & important office cannot be discharged by those who are ignorant, & will not be by those who are negligent, indifferent & unfaithful; & as it is highly important that those officers in the Church, be well enlightened, & brought up to the full & faithful discharge of the duties of their office, I move we do it

Resolved 1st. That when a new Elder or Elders have been elected to serve in any Church, it shall be the duty of the Pastor or Stated Supply of such Church, to examine them before their ordination on our system of Doctrine, Government & Discipline, & that they be not ordained (except in extraordinary cases), until they give sufficient & satisfactory evidence to the Session, that they are thoroughly qualified, & willing & ready willing to perform the labors for which they have been set apart.—

Resolved 2d. That Pastors & Stated Supplies be required, when in their judgment it may be necessary & expedient, to form the existing Sessions & Deacons of our Churches into classes for the study of our System of Doctrine, Government & Discipline; & that they, from time to time, impart to them such instruction as may be deemed necessary to enable them faithfully & efficiently to discharge the duties of their office, encouraging them

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to steadfastness, & exhorting them to diligence, faithfulness & zeal.—

Resolved 3d. That each Elder be required to report to the Session, at least once a year, what he has done for the further advancement & prosperity of the church & for the increase of piety among its members; & if he have failed in the discharge of the duties of his office let him assign reasons for the failure.—

Examined & approved with the following exception

That on 53d the Circular letter of the Moderator calling a pro re nata meeting does not appear in the Minutes

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Oct. 16th 1869

Jesse Rankin Mod.

Morgantown Wednesday Oct 13th P. D. m. 1869.

Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at the call of the Mod. & was opened with prayer by the Rev S. M. Gibbs moderator.

At the calling of the roll the following ministers & elders were present.

Ministers	Elders	Churches
J. Rankin	E. Mc Hutchison	Charlotte
D. A. Penick	A. S. Neal.	Steel Creek
R. Burwell	R. S. White	Philadelphia
J. Douglass	J. R. Davidson	Hopewell
R. N. Morrison	Wm Todd	Caldwell
S. N. McPhail A.S.	J. M. Amhart	
R. H. Chapman	W. S. C. Kirkpatrick	R. River
Wm Graves.	J. H. Robinson	Poplar Tent.
W. W. Pharr	J. N. Graham	Hopewell
J. N. Saxton	Robt. McPherson	Centre
S. M. Gibbs	J. J. Stewart.	Back Creek
J. F. W. Freeman.	D. F. Beaty	Prospect
J. C. Pharr A.S.	Thos. Brown.	Mocksville
J. Wood.	E. B. Stimson.	4th Creek
A. W. Miller A.S.	J. E. Witherspoon	Bethesda
B. L. Beall	J. M. Alexander	Concord
W. C. Shentz	E. W. Faucette	Senior
D. A Penick jr	S. W. Craig	New Hope
Wm W Pharr	E. J. Emrie	Morgantown
E. H. Harding	J. B Rankin	Marion
W A Wood	J. M. Gamble	
R Z. Johnston	A. J. Summey	Asheville
Wm McDonald	D A Davis.	Salisbury.
H. H. Bantz &		
R. H. Caldwell.		

J. Douglass R. N. Davis & Craig appointed to meet a com. from Bethel Pres. in regard to Union & Olney.

Morgantown Wednesday Oct 13th 1869.

A communication from Rev Wm Banks Stated Clk of Bethel Presbytery, in regard to Olney & Union Churches, Easton, Co. N.C. was read & considered & on motion, A committee consisting of Revs Jno. Douglass, R. N. Davis & S. N. Craig, Ruling Elder, was appointed to meet a corresponding com. from Bethel Pres. on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in Nov 1869. at Union Church, there & there to confer together & with Union Ch. (Bethel Pres) & Olney Ch. in regard to a union of said Chs. in obtaining stated ministerial services; — and also, that this com. be empowered to confer with Union & Hepzibah (Bethel Pres.) & the Com. of Bethel Pres. in regard to the transfer of said Chs. to the care of Concord Presbytery; & also with reference to the transfer of Olney Ch. to the care of Bethel Presbytery, if circumstances shall indicate this last action to be advisable.

Pres. then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator at this place, Closed with prayer.

Morgantown, Thursday 14th 1869.

Presbytery met at the call of the Mod. & being constituted with prayer. The roll was called & the minutes of Yesterday read, corrected & approved. On motion A. J. Summey was appointed Temporary Clerk. Revs R. N. Davis, J. Rumple, J. J. Stewart, E. F. Rockwell & Ruling elders D. A. Davis of Salisbury & J. B Adams of 5th Creek appeared in Pres. & gave satisfactory excuses for absence.

Morganton Thursday 14th 1869.

Call for the services of W. A. Wood from 4th Creek.

A call from Fourth Creek Ch. for the pastoral services of Rev W. A. Wood, promising him a salary of $600 for 3/4 of his time, was read & pending its discussion, Pres. took a recess to meet again at 2. o.clock P.M.

After recess, Presbytery met. The consideration of the call from 4th Creek Ch. was resumed & on motion was placed in Mr Woods hands for his consideration.

Revs J. S. Barr, A. Shotwell & Ruling Elder R. M. Roseborough from Third Creek Ch. appeared in Pres. & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Report of Com. on the overture to Synod.

Treasurer of Pres. made his report

The Treasurer of Presbytery made his report, which was referred to an auditing com. consisting of Rev J. Hood & J. M. Alexander.

A motion to reconsider the division of Pres.

A motion was made to reconsider the action of Pres. at Davidson River, fixing the proposed lines of division of Presbytery, pending the discussion of which Pres. took a recess to meet again at the call of the moderator.

After recess, Presbytery met.

Auditing com's report.

The com. appointed to audit the report of the Treasurer of Pres. reported that they had examined the same & found it correct. approved.

Reconsideration of overture.

The unfinished business, viz the motion to reconsider the action of Pres. touching the division, was taken up, & after some discussion was reconsidered.

Com. on overture.

Revs R. H. Chapman, E. J. Rockwell & R. Eldridge, D. A. Davis were appointed a com. to take

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into consideration this whole subject of Revision & report to Pres. action to be had, in the premises.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the Methodist Church at 11. o.clock a.m.

Closed with prayer.

Friday 11. o.clock a.m.

Pres. met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read & corrected. The com. appointed to prepare a paper in relation to the division of Pres. made their report which was rec'd amended & adopted & is as follows—

'The com. to whom the overture to Synod was referred with a view to change the lines, that the feeling of Pres. might be harmonized, in the proposed Division, report, unanimously recommending, that the overture be so altered as that, that part of Mecklenburge Co. which lies east of Beatties Ford & north of the road leading from Vance to Concord, until said road meets the Cabarrus Co. line & also all of Iredell Co. be detached from the proposed Mecklenburge Presbytery, & that they still remain a component part of Concord Presbytery, with the ministers & Churches residing thereon.' See Page 591.

Overture as amended.

Presbytery then proceeded to the consideration of the Overture as thus amended, pending the discussion of which Pres. took recess to meet again at the call of the Mod.

After recess. Friday 7. o.clock P.M.

Present—

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Overture as amended adopted.

The unfinished business. viz: The Overture to Synod as amended, was taken up, & at the close of the discussion. On motion Rev D A Penick Sr. led the Body in prayer for divine guidance. The vote was then taken & the Overture as amended was adopted. ayes 42. nays 6.

Com. to prepare Overture for Synod.

On motion Revs. R H. Chapman, & J. M. McPhail & J. Rumple were appointed to prepare the Overture as amended to be presented to Synod.

W. A. Wood accepts the Call from 4th Creek

Rev W. A. Wood having signified his willingness to accept the call from 4th Creek Church, which was placed in his hands. A Com. consisting of Rev W. W. Pharr & E B. Stimson R.E. was appointed to make arrangements for his installation.

Com. to arrange for installation

The following paper from the Com. of Sustentation was laid before Pres. who was req'd & discussed & the Com. directed to correspond with the Central Com. on the subject referred to.

"Charlotte Oct 12th 1869.

Sustentation Com. submits Complaint against Assembly Com.

The Com. of Sustentation of Concord Pres. respectfully desires to report to the Presbytery, that at a meeting held at Davidson's River, they recommended to the General Assembly's Com. to appropriate from the Relief Fund for the support of Mrs Wm S. Moore $150.00 for Mrs Jno E. McPherson $50.00. for Mrs. J. D. Wilson $200.00. and for Rev A. D. Montgomery $30.00. From a letter received from

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Pres's Com. of Sustentation Fr. Ab. Com.

Rev J. L. Wilson D.D. dated Oct 7th 1869, we are informed that appropriations have been made, to Mrs Moore of $75.00. to Mrs McPherson, of $100.00, to Mrs Wilson of 100.00. to Mrs Penick $75.00 & to Rev A. D. Montgomery $30.00. Thus in one case revising the sums asked for, & in one case adding to the number of persons aided.

The Com. desires to call attention to these facts, leaving it to the wisdom of Presbytery to determine, what course shall be pursued in view of the fact that the recommendations of its committee are in part disregarded by the Gen. Assembly's Com.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee.

J. Rumple, Chairman

Pres. adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8½ o'clock a.m. in the Methodist Church.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday Oct 16th 8½ o'clk 1869.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read & corrected.

Com. appointed to prepare Overture to Synod

The Com. appointed to prepare the Overture to Synod asking that a certain part of its territory be set apart & created into a Presbytery to be called the Mecklenburge Presbytery, made their report which was accepted & adopted & ordered to be laid before Synod. & is as follows viz——

Overture

'To the Synod of North Carolina,

The Presbytery of Concord, being persuaded

Morganton Saturday 16th Oct 9½ am 1869.

That the work of the Lord would be more efficiently performed, and, at the same time, much labour, expense & time saved, by a division of its Territory, Churches, Ministers & Candidates: most respectfully overtures the venerable Synod of North Carolina, to set off from the territory of Concord Presbytery, in order to form a new Presbytery, to be called "the Presbytery of Mecklenburg," the following counties, viz; Anson, Union, such part of Mecklenburg Co, as lies South & west of a line, beginning at Beatties Ford on Catawba River, & running thence with the road to Concord Town, until said road meets the Cabarrus line, Lincoln, Gaston, Cleveland, Polk, Rutherford, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Madison, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Clay & Cherokee, with the following Ministers, & candidates, viz; the Churches of Ramah, Mallard Creek, Charlotte, Sugar Creek, Steele Creek, Pleasant Hill, Hopewell, Caldwell, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Providence, Sharon, Wadesboro, Lebanon, Unity, Eastatoe, Zion, Machpelah, Goshen, New Hope, Long, Sulfur, Lincolnton, Long Creek, Shelby, Little Britain, Rutherfordton, Sandy Plains, Swannanoa, Asheville, Flat Creek, Hendersonville, Mills River, Davidson River, Bethel (Haywood) Franklin, Ebenezer, Hiawassee, & Bramlett, Ministers; R.H. Morrison, J.E. Morrison, J.D. Hall, W.W. Pharr, Jno. Douglas, Robt. Burwell, A.W. Miller, J.D. Parks, J.C. Williams, R.B. Anderson, Wm McDonald, R.F. Davis, J.S. Barr, J.H.W. Freeman, R.Z. Johnston, J.J. Kennedy, N. Shotwell, J.E. Davis, R.H. Chapman, W.A. Morrison, B.H. Banks, Wm Evans & Jacob Hood, Candidates; C.A.B. Hutchison, J.R. Maxwell, Charles M. Douglas, George Summey & Jas. H. Morrison. This Presbytery of Mecklenburg will thus Embrace 17 Counties, 68 Churches, 23 Ministers, and 5 Candidates.

Officers to fill vacancies after the division

Com. to install W. A. Wood

Morganton Saturday Oct 16th 11 am 1869

Presbytery from recess until 11 a.m. o'clk, & met at the Methodist Church.

After recess, Pres. met & on motion adjourned to meet again at the call of the mod.

Oct 16th 12½ o'clk, p.m. 1869.

Presbytery met at the call of the mod. in the Methodist Church & was opened with prayer.

On motion J.B. Rankin was appointed temporary clerk.

The Synod of N.C. having set off a certain portion of the territory of Concord Pres. with the ministers & Churches residing thereon & constituted it into a new Pres. to be known as "the Mecklenburg Presbytery;" - On motion the following persons were elected to fill certain vacancies occasioned thereby, viz -

On motion Rev Wm W Pharr was unanimously elected to the office of Stated Clerk of Presbytery,

Rev Geo M. Gibbs Treasurer of Presbytery,

Rev B.L. Beall agent for Foreign Missions,

To fill vacancies in Sustentation Committee. Dr J.J. Summerel, Thomas H. Robinson & Col. Jno. Nash,

To fill vacancies in Education Committee - Revs Wm W Pharr, D.A. Penick jr., Prof. Blake & Wm S. Harris.

The com. appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev W.A. Wood over 4th Creek Church, made their report which was accepted & adopted & is as follows -

The com. recommend that Rev E.F. Rockwell preach the sermon, Rev W.W. Pharr propose &

Morganton Saturday Oct 16th 12½ o'clk 1869.

And deliver the charge to the pastor.
Rev J. Rumple to deliver the charge to the people
& Rev A. C. Millen be alternate to E. J. Rockwell, Jno M. Gibbs & Wm W Pharr &
Rev R. H. Caldwell & J. Rumple, And
that these services take place on Saturday
before the 3d Sab. of Nov 1869 11. o'clk. a.m.

On motion Rev J. M. McPhail Jno.
Rev D A Penick Sr. & E. J. Erwin R.E. were
appointed to notify Mecklenburge Pres.
that this Pres. expects them to share in the
control of Davidson College.

Com. to confer with Mecklenburge Pres.

On motion Pres. took recess until 4. o'clk. p.m.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The com. appointed to
confer with Mecklenburge Pres. reported that
they had had no opertunity for conference.

On motion the members of other presbys
present were invited to sit as corresponding
members of this Pres.

On motion, It was resolved that this Pres.
do now ratify & confirm the right of Mecklenburge
Pres. to an equal share in the government &
direction of Davidson College, and agree that
they shall elect sixteen persons as members of the
Board of Trustees of Davidson College, and six
persons as members of the Board of Trustees of
Concord Female College.

Resolution to divide the Trusteeship &c. of D. C. & Concord F. C. with Mecklenburge presbytery.

On motion, It was resolved that Concord Pres.
ask the Presbytery of Bethel to unite

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with & Fayetteville in giving equal share
itself, in the government & control of Davidson
College - to Mecklenburge Presbytery.

Motion to ask Bethel Presbytery give Mecklenburg Pres. a share in the government of D. College

On motion, It was further resolved-
that this Pres. do now ratify & confirm the
agreement made previous to its devision, that
each Pres. shall equally in any funds in the
Treasury, & also in the responsibility, equally
to meet any claims against it.

On motion, It was resolved - that the
Pres. of Concord invite the Presbytery of Orange to
co-operate with us in the management of said
College, and that we tender to said Presbytery
the privelge of electing three Trustes of said
College - the Presbyteries of Bethel, Fayetteville,
Wilmington & Mecklenburge concurring.

Presbytery of Orange invited to share in the government of D. College

On motion, It was resolved, that the whole
subject of the Employment or continuation of
the evangelist be committed to the Sustentation
Committee.

Evangelist referred to Sustentation Com.

On motion Presbytery took recess until after
divine service.

After recess, Presbytery met. 8. o'clk p.m.

On motion the Stated Clerk was directed to examine
the roll of Trustes of Davidson College, & drop therefrom such names
as reside beyond our boundery & furnish the Clerk of Mecklenburge
Pres. with a list of such Trustes as reside within the limits
of said Presbytery. Pres. then adjourned to meet at Centre ch.
Iredell Co. on Thursday before the 2nd Sat in April 1870 at 11. o'clk a.m.
Closed with prayer & benediction.

Stated Clerk to examine the roll of Trustes of D. College &c.

Wm W. Pharr.
Stated Clerk.

Signed G. M. Gibbs Moderator
J. B. Rumple Temp. Clk.

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Wednesday April 6th 11 oclock a.m. 1870

Presbytery of Concord met pursuant to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by the Mod. Rev G. M. Gibbs, from Jno 9:4. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

After sermon, Presbytery was constituted with prayer. At the calling the roll the following Ministers & Ruling elders were present. —

Ministers.	Elders.	Churches.
G. M. Gibbs.	A. C. Alexander	Rocky River.
S. C. Millen.	J. M. Cannon	Bethpage. &
S. C. Pharr & Sr.		Centre.
B. F. Beall.	J. H. Graham	Hyatteva. &
N. A. Penick.		Franklin.
Wm M. Pharr.	J. J. Stewart	Back Creek.
E. H. Harding.	S. Cornwell	Prospect.
Robt Bradley. &	C. Price.	Unity.
R. A. Caldwell.	W. S. Roupe	Fifth Creek. &
		Bethany.
	Jno A. White	Bethesda.
	W. L. Stevenson	Concord.
	C. M. Stevenson	Taylorsville.
	M. N. Murdock	Salem.
	James Harper	Lenoir.

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election mod & Scribes.

Rev R. H. Caldwell was elected Mod. & Rev B. L. Beall & Rev S. C. Pharr & R. E. Temporary clerks. Presbytery took recess for 1½ hours.

After recess.

Reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery met. Revs H. A. Wood. J. Rumple T. P. Johnston, & Ruling elder M. A. Davis, appeared in Presbytery, & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness. Rev J. C. Rankin D. D. of the Pres. of Elizabethtown N. J. & Rev J. M. Anderson of Bethel Presy S. C. being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Corresponding members

The minutes of the last Fall meetings were read.

Reasons for absence from last meeting

Revs S. C. Millen, S. C. Pharr M. D. & R. H. Caldwell, assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from the last stated meeting of Presbytery.

Report of supplies

Reports were heard from ministers appointed as temporary & discretional supplies; from which it appeared that the appointments, for the most part, had been fulfilled.

Coms appointed by mod.

The following Temporary Coms were announced by the Mod. —

Bills & Overtures. S. C. Pharr M. D. G. M. Gibbs & A. C. Alexander R. E.

Judicial Com. R. A. Penick & Robt. Bradley.

On Minutes of Gen. Assembly — T. P. Johnston J. M. Stewart. R. E.

Narrative to Gen. Assy. Rev E. H. Harding
W. S. Stevenson

On Systematic Benevolence. Rev H. A. Wood
M. A. Davis.

On D. College & C. H. College — Rev J. Rumple
Wm. Pharr
R. E. James Harper

On Sustentation, to review records & nominate new committee Rev B. L. Beall
R. E. E. M. Stevenson.

On Sabbath Schools Rev Robt. Bradley.
R. E. J. A. White.

On Devotional Exercises Rev Wm. Pharr.
R. E. J. M. Cannon.

On minutes of Synod — Rev J. Rumple
J. H. Graham

On Sessional Records —
Rocky River. Poplar Tent. Concord Town
Bethphage. Centre. D. College.
Com. { Rev G. M. Gibbs.
A. C. Alexander

Bethel. Salisbury. Franklin. Back Creek
Prospect.
Com { Rev S. C. Pharr & M.
J. M. Stewart.

Third Creek. Unity. Mocksville. Tabor.
Fifth Creek. Rev M. A. Penick
W. S. Stevenson.

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Bethany, Fourth Creek, Bethesda, Shiloh, Taylorsville, Salem.

Com { Rev E. H. Harding, M. M. Murdock.

Wilkesboro, Jefferson, Lenoir, Newton, Morganton.

Com { Robt. Bradley, E. M. Stevenson

Amsilla, Marion, Siloam, Concord, Hyatira.

Com { Rev T. P. Johnston, W. S. Houpe

A communication from Rev Wm Banks Stated Clk of Bethel Presy, was received & ordered to be recorded & is as follows—

Rev R. Z. Johnston.

Dear Bro.

The Presy of Bethel at an adjourned meeting at Chester Oct 22nd 1869, received your communication relative to a division of the representation of the Stock & direction of Davidson College, between the two presbyteries of Concord & Mecklenburgo. Bethel Presy, agreed to your request, & directed the Stated Clerk as to inform you, that the number of Trustees of D. College heretofore appointed by the Presy of Concord Concord may be hereafter distributed between the two presbyteries of Concord & Mecklenburgo.

Fraternally yours

Wm Banks, Stated Clerk of Bethel Pres.

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A request from Mecklenburgo Presy. for a share in the government of Concord. Female College were read; whereupon the Stated Clerk of Concord Presy, was directed, in answer to said request, to forward to Mecklenburgo Presy, a copy of the resolution touching this point, passed by this body at Morganton, Oct. 16th 1869.

J. H. Grenlee Ruling elder from Marion ch. appeared in Presy. & took his seat.

D. A. Davis was appointed Treasurer. Pro Tem of Com. of Sustentation.

Mr S. Henry Bell a candidate for the gospel ministry under the care of this Presy, was at his own request, transferred to the care of Wilmington Presy.

On motion Presy adjourned until tomorrow morning. 9½ o. clock.

Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning 9½ o. clock

April 7th

Presy met & was opened with prayer. Roll was called & minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Rev's J. Rankin, T. H. Pattou, E. F. Rockwell, & Ruling elders, W. S. Harris, J. F. Bell, J. G. Ramsay, J. R. Blake, & N. B. Gaither, appeared in Presy. & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness. On motion it was made the first order of the day after recess, to hand in Sessional Reports.

Com to leave by mod.

A request from Mecklenburgo Pres. for share in D. College.

S. H. Bell candidate

Transferred to Wilmington Pres.

Letter from Wm Banks Bethel Pres. in regard to D. College

Excused Q. I.

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The resignation of Rev G. M. Gibbs as Treas. of Presy. was tendered & accepted & Rev W. A. Wood appointed to fill the vacancy.

W. A. Wood made treasurer of Pres.

Rev G. M. Gibbs as principal, with Rev B. Le. Beall as alternate, & Ruling elder J. J. Summerell, as principal, with J. H. Greenlee, as alternate, were elected Commissioners to the next Genl Assembly & met at Louisville Ky. 19th of May next.

Com'rs to Genl Assy elected

The Ch. of Taylorsville was chosen as the place, & Wednesday before the 2nd Sab. of Sept 7. o. clock P.M. as the time of the next Stated meeting of the Presy.

Time & place of next meeting of Pres.

The following paper from Stated clerk of Presy. touching Trustees of D. College was read, received & ordered to be placed in the hands of the Com. on D. College. –

Std Clk. directed to inform the Bd of Trustees of D. C. to report to this Pres. &c.

The Stated Clk. in obedience to the order of Concord Presy. reports, that he has carefully examined the roll of Trustees of D. College & found that Concord Presy, before its division, elected thirty two (32) members of the Board of that institution, only 13. of whom reside within the bounds of Concord Pres. as it is now constituted, Viz –

Std Clk. report on Trustees of D. College

Class of 1866. B. Le. Beall.
Wr J. Summerell, &
D. W. McPhail Esqrs,

Class of 1867. J. C. Shaw Esq.
D. A. Penick, jr
J. Rumple & Wr R. Le. Beall.

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Class of 1868. D. A. Penick. sr.
N. S. Harris.
Wr J. G. Ramsay

J. J. Allison rec'd as Candidate

Class of 1869 – Wm P. Shaw
Thomas A. Allison
W. A. Davis.

Respectfully submitted
Wm P. Shaw Stated Clk

On motion the Stated Clerk was directed to inform the Board of Trustees of D. College, through their secretary, that Presy desires them to report to this body the names of Trustees who do not regularly attend the meetings of the Board.

Robt. Knox, Ruling elder in Bethel Ch. appeared in Presy & gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr Thomas Johnston Allison a member of College Ch. was introduced to Presy, & after satisfactory examination on experimental religion & his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry, was received under the care of Presy. as a candidate for this sacred work.

History of Concord Presy.

The following paper touching the history of Concord Presy. & its Churches, was adopted, Viz –

"For the better preservation of important facts & dates, & for the further diffusion of information concerning the business of Presy.

Resolved. That a com. of seven be appointed to compile, & prepare, with a view to publication,

1870 A Presbyterial Directory,-to embrace the following subject matter,

1. The original order of Synod establishing Concord Pres, with its ministers, Churches, & bounds,

2d. A brief narative of the divisions, changes &c, of the Presy-to date,

3d. A chronological roll of all the ministers who have been connected with the Presy, with date of ordination, dismission, & decease. etc,

4. Roll of all the Churches, their location, date of organization, extinction, etc,

5. A roll of the present ministers of the Presy, with churches & P.O. address.

6. A complete roll of churches, with elders & Deacons & their P.O. address, with the Clerks of Session distinguished.

7. A roll of all our Standing & Executive Coms, with the constitution, rules, &c, by which they are regulated; with the names of their Chairmen, Clerks & Treasurers.

8. The standing Rules of Presy.

9. Blank dockets for Spring & Fall meetings.

10. Our plan of Systematic Benevolence, etc. etc.

11. 30 pages of blank paper (writing)

The whole to comprise not more than 100 pages, the size of our Book of Church Order.

The com. shall have discretion to alter, amend, exclude items, or introduce other matter, subject to the approbation of the Presy. The Com. to report

History of Concord Pres,

Historical Com,

Com, to arrange the Coms, for exam- of Candidates

Sus. Com report.

Sessional reports.

1870 at next meeting of Presy, or as soon thereafter as the report can be prepared."

A com consisting of Rev E. F. Rockwell, J. Rumple, Wm M. Phair, D. A. Penick, W. A. Wood, together with Ruling elders D. A. Davis, & Jr J. G. Ramsay was appointed to put into effect the suggestions of said paper.

A Com, consisting of Rev J. Rumple, J. C. Phair & R.E. D. A. Davis, was appointed to re-arrange Committee of Pres, for examination of Candidates for the ministry, & report at the next stated meeting of this body.

The Chairman of the Com, of Sustentation presented a report, pending the discussion of wh, Pres, took a recess until 2½ o.clock P.M.

After recess. Pres, met.

The Order of the day was suspended, and the unfinished business resumed. Rev Walter W. Phair of Mecklenburg Pres, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. On motion Rev G. M. Gibbs was added to the Com to review the records of Sustentation Com. The report of the Chairman of the Com, of Sustentation, together with circular from Rev J. Leighton Wilson, D.D. was referred to Com, to review records of said Com.

The order for this hour of the day was taken up, & Pres, heard Sessional Reports.

Reports from the following Churches were sustained in part— Rocky River, Poplar Tent.

1870. Centre, Bethphage, Thyatira, Back Creek, Prospect, Unity, Third Creek, Mocksville, Fifth Creek, Bethany, Bethsda, Concord, Taylorsville, Marion & Siloam & the reports from Salisbury & Lenoir were sustained in whole, & that from College Ch. also in whole so far as made. A Com, consisting of Rev S. M. Gibbs, T. H. Paxton, & ruling elder W. S. Harris was appointed to prepare & present a minute touching the death of Rev D. A. Penick sr. Rev J. Rankin & ruling Elder James Harper were appointed to present a minute touching the death of Rev W. C. Shutz.

Com. to prepare & minutes touching the death of D. A. Penick & W. C. Shutz

Leave of absence after to day was granted to Rev S. C. Millen & R. L. W. S. Stevenson.

Leave of absence

Pres. adjourned until tomorrow morning 9½ o.clock, closed with prayer.

Friday Morning,
April 8th

Pres. met & was opened with prayer. Roll was called & minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Leave of absence was granted to Dr J. S. Ramsay, after today. It was made the first order of the day after recess, to hear report on Sessional Records. The following report of the Trustees Concord Fem. College was presented & recived—

Report of Trustees of C. F. College

— The Trustees of Concord Fem. College beg leave to report, that the exercises of that institution have thus far been kept up,

1870 four or five teachers accomplishing the end for which it was established. The number of pupils in attendance has been, for some time past, about forty; & making good progress. The Board however, with regret are compelled to inform Pres'y; that, owing to a variety of causes, debts of the institution have accumulated, so that they are a great obstacle to its usefulness; they have no means of liquidating these claims. It is therefore deemed advisable to sell the property & relieve those persons who are liable for a debt to Davidson College; unless the Pres'y will prevent the necessity of a sale.

It is hoped however, & expected that the Institution will be carried on in the interest of the Presbyterian Ch. in case the Board is compelled to sacrifice the property.

On behalf of the Board
E. D. Rockwell.

Prof J. R. Blake was elected Treasurer of the Com. of Education. Com, to install Rev W. A. Wood pastor of Fourth Creek Ch, reported that they had performed this duty at the time & place appointed.

J. R. Blake appointed Treasurer of Ed.

The following minute touching the death of Rev W. C. Shutz was recieved—

Minute touching the death of W. C. Shutz.

The Com. appointed to draw up a minute touching the death of Rev W. C. Shutz repectfully offer the following. Once more God in his sovereign providence, has been pleased to visit our body with the stroke of bereavement. On the

Minute touching death of W. C. Shultz

On 28th day of Feb. 1870 Rev William C. Shultz passed from his labors here, we doubt not, to his everlasting rest & reward in heaven. While we would bow with submission to the decree will so manifested, yet it is with sadness we remember that we shall meet him no more in our judicatories or other solemn assemblies on earth. Resolved- That we testify our cordial sympathies with his bereaved family & commend them affectionately & prayerfully to the mercy & faithfulness of Him who hath said- "Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; & let thy widows trust in me."

To be sent to family & congregation

Resolved- That we sympathise with the Ch. & Congregation of Morgantown so deprived of pastoral care, & will extend, as we are able our fostering care, until God shall be pleased to send them a minister. Resolved- That W. A. Wood & R. L. Beall, M.D. be appointed a Com. to prepare a suitable biographical sketch of his life & labors & to report at our next regular meeting.

Com. on Biographical Sketch of Rev. C. W. C. Shultz.

Resolved- That a copy of this minute be sent to his family, & congregation of Morgantown.

Jesse Rankin
James Harper.

Com. on minutes of Synod made a report, which was amended & adopted & is as follows, viz-

Report of Com. on Minutes of Synod.

The Com. on the minutes of Synod, respectfully report that they have carefully examined said

minutes, & find the only matter that seems to claim our attention as a Pres. is the Synod's paper on Systematic Benevolence recorded on page 15- as follows,

Resolved 1. That each pastor & stated supply be directed to urge upon the Ch. to which he ministers the Scriptural duty of each church member, on the first day of the week, to lay by him in store, as God has prospered him.

Resolved 2. That each church session be directed to fix upon some plan by which each church member shall have an opportunity of paying into the treasury their weekly contributions.

3. That the Synod recommend to the Sessions of churches, the consideration of each of the plans proposed above, viz-

1. Collections on the Sab. day while the congregation are met for public worship.

2. The envelope system, &

3. The plan of each member making a subscription of the amount which he will pay at stated times for the benevolent objects of the Church.

Your Com. recommend, that Pres. add its testimony to that of Synod in urging the principle of weekly contributions, as the Scriptural plan. Your Com. further recommend that Presby. proceed at once to call the roll of the Ch.'s, & enquire what plan of Systematic benevolence is in use in each congregation.

Respectfully submitted J. Rumple, Ch.

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Pres. suspended business to attend on divine service, after which a recess was taken until 2½ o'clock P.m.

After recess. Pres. met.

Leave of absence

Leave of absence after today's sessions was granted to Rev E. F. Rockwell & Ruling Elders J. F. Bell, E. Rice & M. A. Davis.

Reports on the Records of Sessions were read & rec'd

Com. to examine acct. of Treasurer of Com. of Sustentation

Com. to examine acct of Treas. & Sus.

reported, that they had found the acct, correct & a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $27.80.

Treasurer of Ed, made a report, which was rec'd

Com. to review records of Com. of Sustentation

Com. to review records of Sus. com. report.

made a report which was rec'd considered seriatim, amended, & adopted, & is as follows, viz -

The Com. appointed to review the records of the Com. of Sustentation, respectfully report,

1. We recommend that the records of the Presbytery's Com. of Sus, be approved, & the members of said Com, be commended for their diligence & faithfulness,

2. That this Com, be encouraged to put at least one missionary in each of the missionary counties west of the Blue Ridge, as soon as practicable, & also that they be empowered, for the more speedy Evangelization of that region, to establish one or more mission

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Schools, as soon as the way shall be open.

3d That all the Ch's under our care, that have not already made their contributions to the Cause of Sus. be urged by the pastors or Stated supplies in charge, & if vacant, by temporary supply or Sus. Com. to do so as soon as convenient, & practicable, & on as liberable a scale as possible.

Report of Com. to review records of Sus. Com.

4th That in order to secure all the appropriations already recommended, this Pres. will, in reliance on divine help, raise one thousand, two hundred & fifty dollars ($1250.) for this Cause the present year.

5th That the Com. be directed to employ our candidates for the ministry, now at the Seminary during their vacation in the vacant portions of our territory, if it can be done with the promise of usefulness.

6th That the Pres. will continue to require all ministers & Ch's occupying the relations of Stated supply, to form said relation in the way formerly prescribed by Pres, & that those who have not complied, be directed to do so at once, & report to the Com. of Sustentation.

7th That all our churches be urged to contribute to the Relief Fund.

8th That the Com. of Sustentation for the next ecclesiastical year be composed of —

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1870 Rev J. Rumple
" E H. Harding.
" H A. Penick.
" W A. Wood.
Dr J J. Summerell
Col. Thomas A. Robinson &
J M Horah

Respectfully submitted
Com. B H. Beall
G M. Gibbs
C M. Stevenson.

Ministers receiving aid from Syn. Com to preach on ministerial support.

It was resolved, that each minister, whose charge is receiving aid from the Sustentation Com. be directed to preach a Sermon on ministerial support, urging the Chs to strive to reach the point of self support.

Narative

The following narative to the Genl Assembly was read, adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl Assembly. See Apendix A.

Report on Systematic Benevolence

The following report on Systematic Benevolence was presented, adopted, & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl Assembly. Apendix

Com. on Davidson & Concord Fem. Colleges made the following report, which was adopted.

Report of Com. on Trustees of D.C. & C. F. C.

The Com. on Trustees of Davidson College & Concord Fem. College, report that they have examined the rolls of said College Trustees & to conform to the changes required by the

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1870 Division of the Pres. They would recommend the following order & names.
Class of 1867. to serve one year.
Rev H C. Pharr & al.
" J. Rumple.
" H A. Penick. &
Dr R. G. Beall.

Trustees of D. College

Class of 1868 to serve two years.
Rev W A. Wood
W. S. Davis &
Dr J. G. Ramsay

Class of 1869 to serve three years.
Rev Wm W. Pharr.
Thomas A Allison &
H. A. Davis

Class of 1870 to serve four years,
Rev G. W. McPhail & al
Dr J. J. Summerell &
Rev E H. Harding.

The whole number of Trustees to be elected by this Pres, is 13. after giving to Orange Pres, the privilege of electing (3) three Trustees. If the Pres, of Orange should not accept the offer, or the other Pres not accede thereto, the vacancy can be filled in our list hereafter.

In order to conform our roll of Trustees of Concord Fem. College to the

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new order, we recommend the following order of names—

Trustees of C. H. College

Class of 1867 to serve one year,
Rev E. F. Rockwell
J. W. Stockton.

Class of 1868 to serve two years,
Rev W. A. Wood
Col. Tho A. Allison

Class of 1869 to serve three years,
R. F. Simonton

Class 1870 to serve four years,
D. A. Davis.

Respectfully Submitted
Com { J. Rumple, Wm M Plumer, James Harper

Report of Com. on Minutes of Gen. Asby

The following report of the Com. on the minutes of the Gen. Asby. was recieved & adopted viz- The Com. on the minutes of the Gen. Asby would report the following item (page 379) as requiring action by this Pres; viz-

"In view of these facts as it regards the meagerness of reports from the different Presbyteries, the Com. recommend that Stated Clerks of Presbyteries be enjoined to send up to the Asby. as full & as definite reports as possible, concerning all the Sab. Schools under the care of their churches. The items to be reported are recommended to be the number of

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schools, teachers, scholars, the amount of contributions, for what purpose, the number added to the ch. from the Sab. Schools, & their plans of working." In reference to this the following resolutions are offerd to Pres: viz- Resolved- That the Stated Clerk of this Pres. be enjoined to send up to the Asby. such reports of the Sab. Schools under the care of this Pres.

Resolved- That Ch. Sessions be required to send up to Pres, annually, full reports of the Sab. Schools under their care. Also (on page 391) the following: viz- "That the Asby. would earnestly, & solemnly enjoin upon all the Sessions & Presbyteries under its care the absolute necessity of enforcing, 'the discipline provided in our constitution against offences;' under the word 'offences,' including attendance by our members upon theatrical exhibitions & performances, & promiscuous dancings; against intemperance, & against availing themselves of the 'expedients for evading pecuniary obligations, now permitted by the legislation of the country;' in such manner as cannot be justified by a conscience enlightened by the Spirit & the word of God, & as must dishonor the cause of Jesus Christ." In reference to this the following resolution is offered to Pres: viz- Resolved That this Pres. recognises the importance of this injunction of the Asby.

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& instructs the Sessions of Churches under its care to act in accordance therewith.

Com. (Rev T. P. Johnston
J. M. Stewart.

Com of Sus directed to revise its rules & report to next Pres.

It was resolved- That the com. of Sus. be directed to revise the regulations prescribed for them, & report to the Pres. at its next meeting:- Also that the Com. of Education be directed to prepare & present to the Pres. at its next meeting, a set of rules for its government.

Also com of Ed. to report its rules to next Pres.

On motion, Pres. adjourned until Tomorrow morning 9½ o. clock A.M.

Closed with prayer.

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Saturday morning April 9th

Pres. met, & was opened with prayer.

Roll was called. Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, & approved.

L. W. Mc Millan. Rec'd & transferred

Mr George Whitfield McMillan member of the Ch. of Wilmington, was introduced to Pres: & after satisfactory examination on experimental religion, & his motives for seeking the gospel ministry, was rec'd under the care of this Pres. as a candidate therefor. On motion, Mr G. W. McMillan was, at his own request, transferred to the care of the Pres. of Wilmington as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

The following minute touching the death of Rev D. A. Penick Sr. was read & adopted,

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Minute of death of Rev D. A. Penick

1870 The com. appointed to prepare a minute relating to the death of the Rev D. A. Penick Sr. would report as follows.

God in the all wise dispensations of his providence has been pleased to lay his afflicting hand heavily on our little band, impressing us with the solemn truth that death is no respecter of persons, he often comes at an unexpected hour, & takes from the ranks of the living, those who seem to be most useful, & who to our short sight appear to be even necessary to the prosperity & success of our Ch. Of this we have a melancholy instance in the dearth of our venerable & beloved pastor in Israel. The Rev D. A. Penick who was called to his rest on the 8th Jan. 1870 after a faithful service among us of 34 years. While we bow with humble submission to the will of our heavenly father who does all things well, we can but feel sadness at the reflection thought that his seat so very seldom vacant for so long a period, shall be filled no more on earth. God has been pleased to take him from the church militant to the Ch. triumphant, from the troubles & toils of earth, to the joys & blessings of those heavenly mansions prepared by his Saviour for all his faithful ones.

Resolved. That we tender to his deeply afflicted family our sincere & heart-felt sympathy in their sad bereavement, & do commend them in our prayers to the care of a covenant keeping God & father who has promised to be a father

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to the fatherless & husband to the widow.

Resolved 2nd That we deeply sympathise with the bereaved congregation in the loss of such a pastor, & will endeavour to extend over them our fostering care, until the good Shepard of Israel may be pleased to supply his place.

Resolved 3d That Rev Jesse. Rankin & Wil. S. Harris be appointed a com. to prepare an appropriate Biographical Sketch of his life & valuable labors among us.

Resolved 4th That a copy of this minute be sent to the bereaved family & Congregation of R. River.

Com. (Rev G. M. Gibbs
" T. N. Paxton

Order to Churches who have failed to pay their Salary; to be Read &c.

It was resolved, That those congregations that have failed to pay promptly & fully the Salaries of their ministers, be earnestly enjoined to use all diligence through their proper officers to collect & pay up all arrearages as speedily as possible, & that the Sessions be directed to report to Pres, at its next Stated meeting, whether or not this order has been complied with; & if there still be an arrearage in the Salary to state precisely the amount, & the reason why the Salary has not been fully paid; & that this resolution be read from the pulpit of said Churches.

Com. discharged.

Com. on Bills & Overtures, & the Judicial com, reported that no business had come into their hands - whereupon said Com's,

were discharged. The Presbyterial report on Sab. Schools, was recieved & ordered to be sent to the Genl Assembly. see Apendix

Com. on Sab. Schools report.

The Stated Clerk was authorised to purchase one hundred copies of the Blank Reports on Sab-Schools, for the use of the Churches.

Std Clerk ordered to Supply Blanks.

On motion, Pres, proceeded to the consideration of the revised 'Book of Church Order' of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. Rev J. Rankin J. Rumple & Ruling Elder, W. S. Harris were appointed a Com. to prepare & report for the Genl Assembly, the action of this body thereon.

Report of Com. on Book of Order.

The above com, made the following report which was recieved, adopted, & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl Assembly: viz-

The Pres, of Concord report to the Genl Assembly to meet at Louisville Ky, 19th of May next, That they have examined "The Book of Church Order," & approved it with a few exceptions which will be found specified below.

Exception I. Paragraph VI. of Sec II. of Chap IV on page 7. wholly disapproved.

Exception II. Chap IV. Sec IV. Paragraph IV. page 8. "ex officio" stricken out, & may be as, inserted in its place.

Exception III. Chap V. Sec I. Paragraph III. page 9. First sentence stricken out, Paragraph VI. of the same Sec, entirely stricken out.

Exception IV. Chap V, Sec III. Paragraph II. Page 10. The last sentence expunged.

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Exception V. Chapter V. Sec 11. Presbyteries to be constituted according to the Old Book now in use. All in the New Book inconsistent with this, to be Stricken out. Paragraph VI. on page 12 rejected. Sec VII. same page, the word 'Doctor' rejected.

Exception VI. Page 13. Paragraph X, "Church with which the Gen'l Assembly holds correspondence" Stricken out, & "Sister Churches" inserted in-Stead.

Report on Book of Ch. Order.

Exception VII. Page 13. 'Of the Synod' modified so as to correspond with the constitution of the Pres. On page 14. the word 'Doctor' rejected, & in general the whole office of 'Doctor' as contemplated in the new book, is ignored, page. 21. 'Doctor' again ignored.

Exception VIII. Chap VI. paragraph XI. page 24. 'in any office' Stricken out,

Canons of Discipline.

Chap. IV. paragraph III. page 27. last sentence stricken out; viz "A minister may be suspended from his teaching functions, or from his ruling functions or from both"

With the above exceptions the book was approved by this Presbytery, April 9th 1870

R. H. Caldwell mod.

Final leave of absence was granted to Ruling Elder J. M. Stewart.

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Report on Temporary Supplies.

The following report on Temporary supplies was accepted & adopted, - viz.

The Com. on Sustentation would respectfully nominate the following supplies for the Summer of 1870, viz - That Rev. G. M. Gibbs, Rev. W. A. Pruden & Rev E. H. Harding preach each one Sab. at Rocky River. That Rev Wm. W. Pharr. preach one Sab. at Third Creek. That Rev S. C. Pharr preach one Sab. at Unity. That Rev D. J. Rockwell preach one Sab. at Third Creek, one at Concord, & one at Shiloh. Rev W. A. Wood one Sab. at Taylorsville. Rev R. H. Caldwell one Sab. at Salem & administer the Sacraments. Rev E. H. Harding spend one Sab. at Mocksville Rev R. H. Caldwell one Sab. at Tabor. Rev J. C. Kennedy preach at discretion among the vacant Ch's Rev J. Rankin two Sabs. at Morganton Rev J. Rumple spend 4 Sab's beyond the Blue Ridge.

Motion of Thanks.

On motion, It was resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery, are due & are hereby tendered to the good people of Centre Church for their kindness & hospitality to its members, during its Sessions.

Adjourned.

On motion Pres. adjourned to meet in Taylorsville On Wednesday before the 2nd Sab. in Sept. next 7. o'clk P.M. Closed with singing, prayer & apostolic benediction.

Signed - R. H. Caldwell, Mod.
Wm. W. Pharr.
Stated Clerk.

B. G. Beall / Tem. Clerks
S. C. Pharr /

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Aprendix.

No 1.

The following Chs failed to send delegates to last semi-annual meeting; viz- Concord Town, Tabor, Mocksville, Shiloh, Wilkesboro, Jefferson, Morganton, Amaillia, Siloam.

No. 2.

Narative to the Genl Assembly on State of religion to sit at Louisville May 4th 1870.

The Pres. of Concord begs leave to report to your venerable body,- That it regrets to say that the prity of the Chs under its charge is not of such a marked & prominent type as to make it worthy of special note. - That there has been no general out-pouring of the Spirit upon its Chs. Yet nearly all report some additions to their membership, while a few have had large revivals of religion among them. It gives us pleasure to state the remarkable state of things in Davidson College, located in our bounds & partly under our charge. Out of 125 students, 86, are members of the Ch. & 33, are preparing to preach the gospel. Our Chs report a very general use of the ordinary means of grace, preaching, prayer meetings, Bible classes & Sab. Schools. In regard to the benevolent operations of the Pres, we can state all or nearly all our Churches contribute to all the committees of the Genl Assy, but that in many cases the contributions are very small, only a few Chs in any manner approaching the Standard of duty.

In regard to missionary operations, we have a large missionary field among our mountain country which we are striving to cultivate, having two missionaries at work there at present, & Presbytery is now eager to do what it can by Schools & preaching to extend the gospel in these destitute regions.

Respectfully Submitted
R. H. Caldwell, Mod.

Wm. M. Plumer
Stated Clerk

No 3.

Systematic Benevolence

The report of the Pres. of Concord to the Gen'l Ass'y, for the year ending April, 1870:—

Objects	No of Congregations Contributing	Amounts
Relief Fund dis. ministers	3	$ 39.00
Education	17	$ 175.00
Sustentation	18	529.44
Publication	12	124.55
For. Missions	18	326.00
Miscellaneous	9	836.57
Total,		$ 2030.56.

Nine congregations have contributed to all the five objects ordered by the General Ass'y. Eleven to four of them; Five to three of them; One to two of them; One to one of them; One to none of them.

Remarks: A number of our Churches have adopted the plan of weekly payments & others by weekly subscriptions. Those Ch's that have adopted this plan approve of its practical workings, & report a uniform increase in their collections. Those Ch's which continue to take up their collections on their old plan, have made but small contributions to any of the cause.

By order of Pby
April 1870.

Respectfully Submitted
R. H. Caldwell, Mod.
Wm. M. Plumer
Stated Clerk of Pres.

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No. 4.

Presbyterial Report on Sabbath Schools to the Report of Concord Presbytery to the Gen[l]

Names of Schools	No. on rolls		Av. attendance		Increase	
	Teachers	Scholars	Teach[rs]	Sch[rs]	Teach[rs]	Sch[rs]
Prospect - -	10	100	8	80	0	0
Back Creek - -	5	50	4	45	0	0
Center - -	6	35	6	24	0	0
Bethphage - -	4	34	4	25	0	0
Fourth Creek - -	11.	80.	8.	50.	0	0
Rocky River - -	10	100	10	80	1	0
Poplar Tent - -	9	65	7	40	0	0
Salisbury - -	28	165				
Total, 8	83.	579.	47.	344.	1.	0

Remarks: The report of Concord Pres, on Sabbath Schools is quite meagre, only eight out of its 32. Churches have made a special report on this subject, This Pres, however, has taken steps to secure a fuller report in the future, in obedience to the injunction of the Gen[l] Assembly,

Wm M Pharr
Std Clerk of Pres,

By order of Pres,
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- Gen[l] Assembly, to sit in Louisville Ky. May 1870.
- Assembly, for the year ending April 1. 1870.

Decrease		No. added to Ch		Amt. cont[d] to Sch[ol]			Amt. contrib[d] to F. M.
Teach[rs]	Sch[rs]	Teach[rs]	Sch[rs]				
0	0	0	2	$12			0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	5.50			0
1	5	0	2				$5.00
0	0	0	0	0			$15.00
1	1	1	2	[illegible]			0
0	0	0	4	$16			0
5.	0.	[illegible]	11	$33.50			$25-

Presbyterial Report to the General Assembly at Louisville Ky. May 1870

The Pres. of Concord, reports to the Gen. Assembly that it consists of 18. ministers, 4 has under its care 32. Churches, 1. Licentiate and 8. candidates, viz:-

Ministers and Licentiates.	Post Office	Churches.	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Total of Communicants	Adult Baptized	Infants Baptized	Children in Sabbath School	Contributions Foreign Missions	Contributions Education	Contributions Publication	Orphan Trust	Contributions Congregational	Contributions Miscellaneous
A. L. Montgomery M.G.	Salisbury N.C.	Rocky River	2.	9.	305	0	16.	100	64	85	31	25	30	1062	250.
Jesse Rankin P.	Lenoir "	Lenoir	4.	9.	52.	1.	0.	86.	40.	10.	15.	10.	4.	432.	0.
Paul Lindley S.M.	Port Natal S. Africa	Concord	1.	1.	252.	0.	10.	60.	7.	8.	6.	0.	0.	255.	10
T. P. Johnston S.M.	Morganton N.C.	Amsilla	-	-	9.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	no report
G. W. McPhail S.S. Pres.	Davidson College	College													" "
E. F. Rockwell Pres.	Statesville. "	Unity	4.	1.	95.	1.	8.	25.	19.	0.	5.	4.	2.	100.	0
J. N. Paxton S.S.	Pleasant Retreat "	Marion	1.	0.	31.	0	5.	10.	46.	18.	10.	9.	3.	222.	0
	Marion "	Siloam	0.	1.	44.	0	15.	32.	21	10	5.	1.	3.	120	0
G. M. Gibbs S.S.	Mocksville "	Mocksville	5.	0.	32.	0.	0	31.	48.	0.	0.	0.	3.	400	0
S. C. Millen S.S.	Taylorsville "	Taylorsville	18.	1.	70.	2.	3.	40.	15.	10	0	0	400	257	0
	Catawba Station	Shiloh	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Elk Shoal "	Salem	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S. C. Pharr S.S. P.	Salisbury "	Thyatira	46.	7.	193.	7.	17.	86.	0	0	0	0	12.	332.	116.
	Franklin ch. "	Franklin	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. L. Beall S.M.	Lenoir. "	Jefferson	-	-	6.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Morganton "	Morganton	-	-	95.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J. Rumple. P.	Salisbury "	Salisbury	1.	2.	117.	0	3.	115.	125.	50.	510.	30.	20	[illegible]	60
	Rowan Mills "	Third Creek	-	-	167.	-	-	40	--	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. A. Penick P.	Concord "	Poplar Tent.	13.	1.	165	0	15.	50.	150.	16.	4.	15.	6.	700	34
	Newton "	Newton	1.	4.	33.	0.	4.	30	8	3.	10	0	4.	150	5.
W. W. Pharr. P.	Davidson College	Centre	5	0	116	0	5	35	50.	13.	15.	5.	12.	248	13.

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Ministers and Licentiates.	Post Offices	Churches.
E. H. Harding P.	Mill Hill N.C.	Bethphage, P.
	Concord "	Concord Town P.
	Davidson College "	Bethel S.S.
Robt. Bradley S.	Sherrill "	Prospect S.S.
	Mt. Ulla "	Back Creek S.S.
W. A. Wood P.	Statesville "	Fourth Creek P.
	Amity Hill "	Bethesda S.S.
R. H. Caldwell P. 18.	Cool Spring "	Fifth Creek P.
	Bethany Church "	Bethany P.
J. C. Kennedy. Licent. 1.	Davidson College "	Tabor S.S.
Candidates. 8.	Wilkesboro "	Wilkesboro P.
Total:		32.

That on the 22nd day of May 1869 - Wyatina & Franklin Ch's - that Pastor of Mallard Creek & Ramah. Jesse Rankin Pastor of Zion's W. A. Wood, Pastor of Fourth Creek D. A. Penick Sr. - that on the 28th

Assembly Continued.

Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Total Communicants	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Children in Sab. Schools	Ministerial	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Poor Widows	Congregational	Miscellaneous
3.	3.	157.	0	2.	34.	35.	5.	7.	2.	10.	200.	25-
-	-	142.	-	-	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	45.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23.	1.	357.	1.	27.	100	39.	26.	7.	0.	0.	364.	431.
3.	3.	153.	0	3.	50.	16.	17.	5.	8.	6.	355	0
-	-	165	-	-	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	9.	90.	0	4	20.	0.	7.	0.	0.	6.	230.	0
2.	3.	75	0	2.	25	13.	3.	0	3.	5	250	290
6.	0.	75	1.	8	0	16.	8	3.	0	0	304	0
-	-	45	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
142.	55	3210.	13.	154.	1140.	712.	289.	633.	112.	532.	12442.	846.

- they installed Rev S. C. Pharr 22.2. Pastor over on the 28th day of May 1869 they installed Rev Walter W. Pharr - that on the 13th day of June 1869. they installed Rev Ch. - That on the 20th day of Nov 1869. they installed Rev Ch. - That on the 3rd day of Jan. they Lost by death Rev day of Feb 1870, they Lost by death the Rev W. C. Hunty.

Respectfully Submitted.
Signed Wm W. Pharr
Std Clerk of Pres.

By order of Pres.
April 1870

Taylorsville N.C. Sept 7th 1870.

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by the retiring Mod. Rev R H. Caldwell, from Luke 1: 78. "Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the daysping from on high hath visited us." After sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

At the calling the roll, the following ministers & ruling elders were present.—

Ministers	Elders	Churches.
Jesse. Rankin.	R. A. Alexander	Centre. &
T. R. Paxton.		Bethphage.
G. M. Gibbs	Jas Gibson	Hyatts & Franklin
B. G. Beall	J. C. Foard	Unity.
J. Rumple	Thom. Brown	Mocksville.
D. A. Penick	J. R. Adams	Fourth Creek.
Wm W. Pharr	J. R. Rayner	Shiloh.
E. H. Harding	R. G. Beall	Lenoir.
Robt Bradley		
W. A. Wood &		
R. H. Caldwell.		

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Mod & Elders

Rev T. H. Paxton was elected Mod, & Rev B. G. Beall & R. A. Alexander ruling elder from Centre Church. Temporary Clerks,

On motion, Presby adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9. o. clock, Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning 9. o. clock,

Presbytery met, & was opened with prayer by Mod. Roll was called & minutes of Yesterday read & approved.

Minutes read

Minutes of last Stated meeting were read,

Elders appear.

J. S. Watts. ruling elder from Concord church & Wm Matheson. ruling elder from Taylorsville ch, appeared in Pres, & took their seats.

The Standing rules of Presbytery were read,

Com. to re-arrange Com. on Examin.

Rev J. Rankin & E. H. Harding were appointed as substitutes on Com. to re-arrange committee on Examination of Candidates for the gospel ministry, in place of Rev S. C. Pharr D.D & D. A. Davis, R.E. absent,

Treasurer protem of Education.

Rev Robt Bradley was appointed Treasurer pro-tem, of Education.

The following Committees were announced by the Mod viz—

Coms by Mod.

On Bills & Overtures. (Rev E. H. Harding & Thos Brown. R.E.

Judicial Com. - Rev J. Rankin & J. C. Grand R.E.

Narative to Synod - Rev J. Rumple & James Gibson

Minutes of Genl Assy - Rev D. A. Penick & J. R. Adams, R.E.

Devotional exercises - Rev G. H. Gibbs & Wm Matheson R.E.

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Commissioners report.

A communication from Rev E. H. Baird, D.D was refered to a com. consisting of Rev E. H. Harding, Robt Bradley & ruling Elder Thos Brown.

A verbal report from Rev G. H. Gibbs, & a written report from J. H. Smedes commissioners to last Genl Assembly were presented to Pres,

A letter from Bethel Pres, as to Trustees of D. College

The following communication from Bethel Presbytery, touching the Trusteeship of Davidson college, was read & ordered to be recorded viz—

"Mecklenburg
York Co. S.C.
July 19th 1870

Rev Wm H. Pharr, Stated Clerk of Concord Pres,

Dear Bro, The Pres, of Bethel, at its recent meeting in Yorkville (April 26th/70) adopted the following Minute, viz;

Bethel Presbytery consents to the suggestion of Concord Pres. that the Presbytery of Mecklenburg be allowed its due proportional share of representation in the Trustees of Davidson college - & that the Presbyteries of Concord & Mecklenburg determine between themselves what is the due proportion of each in the said Board of Trustees.

Bethel Pby consents in regard to Orange.

Bethel Presbytery further consents to the suggestion of Concord Pres. that the Presbytery of Orange be invited to a participation in the government of Davidson college - & the said Pres. of Orange is hereby requested to elect three Trustees

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for the College aforesaid, as suggested by the Concord Presbytery. And that the Stated Clerk send a copy of this minute to the Stated Clerk of Concord Presbytery, in response to the overture of that body to this in relation to these matters."

I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from the Minutes of Bethel Presbytery,

John L. Wilson Stated Clerk of Bethel Presbytery.

Communications from Orange & Mecklenburg as to Trustees of N. College.

Also communications from Orange & Mecklenburg Presbyteries were read, touching the Trustee-ship of N. College; & on motion were deferred for consideration to the adjourned meeting of this body during the approaching session of Synod of N.C; & a committee consisting of Rev Wm. Closes, J. Rumple & L.A. Penick was appointed to confer on this matter, with Mecklenburg Presbytery with instructions to report to this body at said adjourned meeting during Sessions of Synod.

Time & place of next meeting

Salisbury N.C. was chosen as the place, & 2nd. Wednesday before the 3d Sabbath of April 1871, 7 o'clock P.M. as the time for the next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

Rev A.L. Montgomery minute.

Rev L.C. Shutz com, continued.

Rev O. Rumple & ruling elder R.L.D. Crall were appointed a com, to prepare & present to Presbytery a minute touching the death of Rev A.L. Montgomery

The Com, appointed to prepare a biographical Sketch of the life & labors of Rev Wm C. Shutz dec'd were at their own request continued until next Stated meeting

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Of Presbytery. The Agt of Foreign Missions presented a report which was received, & Rev R.H. Collins & J.L. Watts, R.E. were appointed to audit his account.

Agt. for Miss. report.

Churches contributing to the various objects of benevolence within our bounds were instructed to inform the respective Agents thereof, of the amounts contributed.

Ch's to inform Agents of the amounts contributed.

On motion, it was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock P.m. to examine Mr John W. Davis, Candidate for the gospel ministry, on his literary course.

J.W. Davis examination.

It was resolved. That the Agents of the various benevolent enterprises of the Churches be required, in addition to their accounts, to present a detailed report of the contributions from the churches, together with such other facts as may serve to present the subject fully to the minds of the Presbytery, & to secure the thorough discussion of the subject.

Agents required to make full Reports &c.

Rev G.L. Parks of Mecklenburg Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev G.L. Parks corresponding member.

The Com. appointed to prepare a biographical sketch of the life & labors of Rev L.A. Penick Sr. dec'd presented a paper which was read, received, & ordered to be recorded in the Presbytery's Volume of Biographical Sketches.

L.A. Penick Biographical Sketch.

Rev L.C. Miller excused.

Rev L.C. Miller appeared in Pres. & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr M.W. Murdoch, ruling elder from Salem Ch. appeared in Pres. & took his seat.

Murdoch, excused.

W.A. Wood excused.

Rev W.A. Wood assigned satisfactory reasons for absence

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Pursuant to the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College.

Report of Trustees of D. College

The report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read, received & ordered to be recorded & is as follows — viz —

"The Trustees of Davidson College report to the Presbytery of Concord that during the collegiate year 1869-70 the College has been in successful operation.

The Faculty consists of —

Rev. G. Wilson McPhail A.M., D.D., LL.D.
President & Prof of Mental & Moral Philosophy

Jno. R. Blake, M.A. Prof Nat. Phil. & Astronomy.

Rev J. M. Anderson, M.A. Prof English, Logic & Evid. of Christianity.

W. G. Richardson M.A. Prof Ancient & Modern Languages

Rev Charles Phillips D.D. Prof of Math. & Engineering

W. J. Martin, Chambers Prof Chem. Nat. History & & Geology. Paul P. Winn Tutor in Languages

Prof Martin has accepted the Chair tendered to him & is expected to be present at the opening of the next Session.

Students, The number of students present during the year is 125 — of these 13 were graduated at this commencement — These young men have been successful in their studies, & consistent in their deportment — No serious case of discipline has occured. The moral & religious sentiment has been very commendable & more than three fourths of them are members of the Church

There have been additions to the church from their number at every communion season for several of

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years past. Halls, Libraries, Cabinets, &c.

Report Trustees of D. College

The College is well furnished with the necessary appliances for Literary improvement — The College Library, though not as large as we desire, is annually improving, & each of the two Literary Societies is supplied with a suitable Library.

Two spacious & handsomely furnished Halls are owned by the Literary Societies. The grounds around the College buildings containing 22 acres, have been laid off & planted with young trees, that will soon afford a pleasant shade.

The Laboratories are furnished with suitable Chem. & Philosophical apparatus which when put in a State of repairs, will be adequate for all ordinary illustrations & experiments demanded in the course of instruction. During the year an extensive Cabinet of Minerals, fossils & Shells has been purchased for $1800 that will be invaluable in the illustration of the Sciences connected therewith.

Finances. Beside the main College building, old Chapel, dormitories — Professors houses & other real estate worth probably $125,000. The College has invested funds to the amount of about $93,000; of which probably $85,000. will be available, from which it is computed there will be an income of about $6000. The income from Tuition — room rent, &c, has been $5,800 making an aggregate of nearly $12,000. The principle investments are —

N. C. R. R. Bonds 8 percent $20,000
Charlotte & Augusta R.R. Bonds 8... $20,00

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Charlotte & S.C. (Mrs Johnstons note for) $10.000
1st National Bank Charlotte $10.000
Security by a note in connection with-
Concord Female College $8.500

Terms & Expenses.

Report Trustees D. College

At their recent meeting the Trustees have changed the Terms, Vacations & Expences of the institution to the following—

1st Term, To commence 8th Sept 1870
" & end 23d Dec 1870
2nd Term, To commence 6th Jan 1871
" & end last Thursday June 1871.

Expences, 1st Term — Tuition $
Room Rent $6.
Servant hire $4.
Contingent Expenses $2.
2nd Term.— Tuition $
Room Rent $9.
Servant hire $6.
Contingent Expenses $3.

The Trustees would further report to the Pres of Concord, that while Tuition will still be furnished free to all candidates for the ministry, under the care of the Presbyteries, it has been found necessary that, instead of giving tuition to all ministers sons, to require all who can to pay the regular fees, & where there is a manifest inability to do so, to allow Students to give their notes annually for their Tuition - the first to be paid two years after graduation & each of the others one year later in succession.

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Report Trustees D. College.

The Trustees would respectfully report to the Pres. that the following Trustees appointed by said Pres. viz- S.C. Pharr & W. A. Wood - Dr J. S. Ramsay Dr J. J. Summerell were absent from the present meeting of the Board, & we would further respectfully suggest that you hold all your appointees responsible for their punctual attendance upon the regular sessions of the Board.

In conclusion, the Trustees offer to the Presbytery an institution fully equipped for work & offering facilities for a first class education, accompanied with the very best of moral & religious influences.

We ask your influence & your prayers for its success. With the R. Road completed as we expect it soon will be, thus rendering it easy of access, & with the return of prosperity by the blessing of God to whom this institution is dedicated, we hope for a large increase in its patronage, & thus to secure additional means for increasing its corps of Instructors.

(Signed) Jno Douglas Pres. &
E. Nye Hutchison Secty

Davidson College
29th June 1870.

Stated Clerk requested to request absent members of Board of Trustees

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to write to the members of the Board of Trustees of D. College, appointed by this body, who failed to attend the last meeting of said Board, & were absent from this meeting of Pres. & require them to report their reasons for absence from said meeting of the Board, to this body at its next regular meeting.

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On motion Presy took recess until 2. o'clock P.m.

Thursday evening 2. o'clk. P.

Presy met, A letter from Rev S.C. Pharr. D. was read, assigning satisfactory reason for absence from present meeting of Pres,

S.C. Pharr excused.

The com, appointed to audit the acct. of the A&T of For. Missions, reported that they had examined said acct. & found it correct, & a balance in his hands of $52 70/100;

Cl's report as to paying Salaries

Churches, in accordance with a resolution adopted at last meeting of Pres, being called upon, reported as to their faithfulness in paying the Salaries of their ministers.

Rev J.M. Anderson & Bethel Ch.

A petition from Bethel Church for permission to employ Rev J.M. Anderson, member of Bethel Presbytery, one half of his time, promising him for his services one hundred & eighty five dollars, payable in half yearly instalments was read, & on motion permission was granted,

A. petition from Franklin & Wayatiwa to change the wording of Call.

A petition was read from Franklin church asking permission to change the wording of the call to their pastor Rev S.C. Pharr D.D, so as that said call shall read "for one half of his time" instead of "one third of his time" and "promising him three hundred & fifty dollars, instead of two hundred & thirty three dollars, as now specified in the call, including parsonage &c.

Also a petition was read from Wayatiwa Church for permission to change the wording of the call

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to their pastor Rev S.C. Pharr D.D, so as that said call shall read "for one half of his time" instead of "two thirds of his time" and promising him three hundred & fifty dollars, instead of four hundred & seventy five dollars, as now specified in the call," which permission was granted to ~~each church~~ of said churches respectively.

Com's on Examination Candidates.

The com, appointed to re-arrange the committees to examine candidates for the gospel ministry, made a report which was adopted & is as follows viz—

Committees of Examination.

Latin, Greek & Hebrew.

Rev Messrs G.W. McPhail D.D,
E.J. Rockwell
S.C. Pharr D.D &
J. Rumple.

Mathematics, " " — J.O. Johnston
D.A. Penick.
Jesse Rankin
Robt. Bradley
E.J. Rockwell &
J. Rumple

Philosophy, " " — E.H. Harding
W.A. Wood &
Wm W. Pharr.

Ecclesiastical Hist, & Church Government—

J.A. Paxton.
B.L. Beall
R.H. Caldwell &
D.A. Penick.

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Theology :: :: — S. C. Millen
G. W. McPhail D D
Jesse Rankin
T. R. Paxton
G. M. Gibbs &
W. A. Wood,

Rev W. Harris Candidate Examined,

Mr John Wright Harris, candidate for the gospel ministry, was examined on the Latin & Greek languages, Mathematics, Natural, Mental & Moral Philosophy, & on motion, his examination was sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

Com to assign parts of trial,

A Com, consisting of Rev S. C. Millen, & W. Harding & W. A. Wood was appointed to assign to Mr J. W. Harris subjects for trial pieces, preparatory to entering the ministry,

On motion Pres. held a free conversation on the State of religion within our bounds,

On motion, Presy adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 8 o'clock, Closed with prayer,

Friday morning 8 o'clk A.M.
Sept 9th

Presy met, & was opened with prayer, Roll was called, Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read & approved, Rev T. P. Johnston appeared in Pres, & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness,

Rev A. D. Montgomery minute touching his death

The following minute touching the death of Rev A. D. Montgomery was rec'd & adopted —

viz- The Rev A. D. Montgomery has been called to his eternal home, & for the third time in less than a

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year we have occasion to mourn over the removal of one of our Brethren. Though never actively engaged in our Pres, as a member thereof, yet as a member of a neighboring Pres, he was well known & highly esteemed in some of our Churches. He was an earnest & zealous preacher of the gospel, both in this State & others, & many precious seasons of grace were enjoyed under his preaching. When his health failed & his race was nearly run, he came amongst us to wait for the summons of the master to come up hither. As long as his strength enabled him, he was accustomed to go with feeble steps to the house of God to worship & when at last the summons came he cheerfully obeyed the call, with expression of full assurence that to die was gain.

Resolved- That we tender our Christian sympathies to his children,

A. D. Montgomery com, to sketch his life & labors,

Resolved- That a com, consisting of Rev E. W. Harding Rev A. A. Penick & Dr R. G. Beall be appointed to prepare a sketch of his life & labors for record,

Respectfully submitted,
J. Rumple, Cl.

Narative to Synod,

The following narative on the State of religion was read, received & Stated Clerk directed to forward it to Synod,

Narative,

The Pres. of Concord respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, on the State of religion, that a few of our Churches have enjoyed blessing

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tokens of the divine favor, but that the great majority report that no special interest has been awakened. A number of our churches, embracing one third of our communicants are vacant, & we have no ministers to supply them. In most of our churches Sabbath Schools, Bible classes & prayer meetings exist, & the attendance on the means of grace has not been diminished. The grace of giving has been cultivated & the plan of systematic benefi-cence by weekly subscription & collections is becoming general & efficient. The additions to our Chs will probably number one hundred & fifty. We are endeavoring to cultivate Missionary fields in Gaston, Burke, McDowell, Yancey, Mitchel, Watauga & Ashe counties, & hope ere many years to organize a circle of Churches in regions where Presbyterianism has never been planted. This we hope to do, with the divine help, as soon as the young men, who are preparing for the ministerial work, have finished their studies & are ready for labor.

At the same time we grieve to report, that a few of our older churches are decreasing in number & almost dying out. May a brighter day dawn upon us, & may the Day-spring from on high shine upon us, And the Lord of the harvest send us many laborers to help to reap the fields that are already white unto the harvest.

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Respectfully submitted (Signed) J.M. Paxton Mod.

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Comm discharged.

Comm. on Bills & Overtures, reported that no business had come into their hands, & said Comm. at their own request was discharged.

The Judicial Comm. reported that no business had come into their hands & at their request was discharged.

The following Statistical report of the Stated Clerk was rec'd & ordered to be transmitted to Synod—

Statistical report to Synod.

Statistical to Synod Sta. Clk.

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina that, as now constituted, they consist of 17 ministers, & have under their care 32 Churches, 1 Licentiate, and 3 Candidates.

That on the 20th day of Nov 1869, they installed Rev R. A. Wood Pastor over Fourth Creek Ch.—That on the 8th day of January 1870 they lost by death the Rev S. A. Pencick Sr. pastor of Rocky River Church—That on the 28th day of February 1870 they lost by death the Rev Wm C Shentz pastor of Morganton Church—That on day of 1870 they lost by death the Rev A. S. Montgomery

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Respectfully submitted (Signed) J.M. Paxton Mod.
Wm W Shem Sta Clk.

J. W. Davis Trial pieces.

The following subjects were assigned to Mr Jno. W. Davis for trial pieces.—viz

1st Latin exegesis. An sit peccatum originale?

2nd Critical Exercise. First 10 Verses of John's Gospel 1st Chapter.

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J. W Davis Trial pieces,

3d Lecture. First 5 verses of the 40th Psalm.
4th Popular Sermon. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit" Rom, 8th chap & 1st verse,
Mr R. G. Brall was appointed pro tem Treasurer of Sustentation Com,
The Chairman of Sust Com, presented a report of the rules & regulations by which it is governed - which was approved & is as follows:—

Sus. Com, Rules & Regulations

"Rules & Regulations of the Executive Committee of Sustentation

In order to secure unity in the work of Domestic Missions & Sustentation in the whole church, & to increase their efficiency in the bounds of this Pres,—

x Sustentation Com, Rules & Regulations

1. Resolved. That the Pres of Concord will cordially co-operate in the Gen. Assembly's Scheme of Sustentation, & conduct its operations according to the Regulations of the Assembly's Committee.
2. That this Pres will appoint, annually, at its Spring Session a com, of seven, to take the oversight of the work in its own bounds, with power to elect its own Secretary & Treasurer the Chairman to be designated by the Pres.
3. The duties of this Com, shall be to take the general oversight & control of all missionary operations in our bounds, to recommend appropriations for ministers in feeble churches, & for missionaries & evangelists, to secure regular & liberal contributions to this cause from the churches, if practicable,

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to receive & consider semi annual reports from ministers aided by this fund, to recommend appropriations for disabled ministers, & families of deceased ministers, to receive & approve all contracts of churches with stated supplies—to have the care of vacant churches, & furnish them supplies, as they may require, to consider & report on ministerial support, & to present, at each Spring meeting, to the Presbytery, a full report of all its operations during the year, together with its minutes for the review of the Presbytery,
4. This com, shall also nominate at each meeting of Pres, the supplies for vacant churches, & missionary fields, who shall report to this com, such facts as may be useful in its work,
5. The com, shall hold regular meetings for business, as often as necessary; & in order to secure punctual attendance, the Treasurer is authorized to pay all necessary travelling expenses,

A paper touching the supplies of vacant churches was read, discussed, & referred, for further consideration, to a com, consisting of Rev J. Rumple, E. H. Harding, W. A. Wood, & J. C. Foard & J. M. Raigmer, ruling Elders.

E. H. Rockwell appointed & reported.

Rev E. H. Rockwell appeared in Presbytery & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Members of Pres, appointed at last meeting of Pres, as occasional supplies, reported as to fulfilment of said appointments.

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Holston Pres. Gen. as to Roans Creek Valley.

On motion- Resolved that the Presbytery of Concord respectfully ask leave of the Presbytery of Holston, Gen. to organize a church in Roans Creek valley, at or near Dr Rhea's, within three miles of Taylorsville, Gen. to be temporarily under the care of the Pres. of Concord.

The object of this request is that the Pres. of Concord may add this church to the missionary circuit of Ashe & Watauga counties.

Resolved- That the Rev B. F. Beall be directed, if he may be clear, to organize a church, at or near Dr Rhea's, Roan's Creek valley, Gen. to be called the Roan's Creek Church.

Com. on Minutes of Gen Assy.

The com. on minutes of the Gen. Assy. made the following report, which was accepted, considered seriatim, amended & adopted: viz

The com. on the Minutes of the Gen Assy.- report that they have examined the same & find the following items requiring the notice of the Presbytery. on page 512. section 1st & 2nd On Sabbath Schools.

We recommend that Pres. appoint a committee of three of which the Agent of Publication shall be chairman, to take the oversight of the Sab. School work in our bounds, & that all our Churches be directed to report to this committee at every Spring meeting of Presbytery, & that this com. make a full report on the subject to Presbytery.

Com. on Sab Schools

Revs E. H. Harding, S. A. Pencick & J. H. Robinson, D.D. were appointed as the committee.

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Com. on minutes Gen Assy.

2d On page 526. section 4th On the Relief Fund.

We recommend that our churches enter the arrangement proposed by the Assembly.

3d On page 528. sec. 4th we find the following On Systematic Benevolence. viz:-

That, in order to the more constant & efficient cultivation & strengthening of this essential grace of giving, the Assembly urges earnestly upon all our churches to adopt as far as practicable the system of weekly offerings in connexion with, or rather as a part of the regular Sabbath worship: &c —

We recommend that all our churches be urged to adopt as far as practicable, this system of weekly offerings as a part of their regular Sabbath worship.

Respectively submitted
S. A. Pencick. Ch

Dr Budd's letter report on.

The hearing the report of the Agent of Publication was postponed, in order to attend on divine worship.

The following report of com. on Dr Budd's letter was adopted.- viz- The Presbytery very earnestly endorse the objects called to their notice in said letter, & urges upon pastors & Sessions of Churches to promote the circulation of the "Children's Friend" & "Earnest Worker", in the Sab. Schools & families under their charge.

E. H. Harding- Ch

Leave of absence was granted to Mr Jas. Gibson & J. Gibson.

On motion, Recess was taken until 2. O'clock this evening.

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After recess. Pres. met.

The following paper touching vacant Churches was adopted viz.-

Report on Supplies & Vacant Churches

Whenever a Church shall become vacant, it shall be the duty of the Session to use every effort to secure the services of a supply at once, seeking the approval of the Presbytery, or its Com. of Sus. ad interim. In the event of failure to make any permanent arrangements, it shall be the duty of the Session to apply to the Presbytery, through its Sustentation Com. for supplies, designating the men & the time that they may desire (if they so elect), at the same time paying or pledging to pay the Treasurer of Sustentation a reasonable sum, to pay for these supplies. The Treasurer of Sustentation shall use this sum in paying these supplies, where a remuneration is proper, & for the necessary expenses of all who may serve them, & place the balance in the Gen'l Treasury of Sustentation.

g. rumple cls

The Agt. of Publication, for reasons assigned, was excused from presenting his report at this meeting.

The following paper, touching Pastoral charges, with accompanying resolutions, was adopted-viz:-

Pastoral Charges

Pastoral Charges

1. Rocky River.
2. Concord Town
3. Poplar Tent
4. Bethpage & Centre
5. Salisbury
6. Thyatira & Franklin
7. Back Creek & Prospect.
8. Third Creek & Unity.

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Pastoral Charges

9. Fourth Creek & Bethesda.
10. Bethany & Fifth Creek.
11. Mocksville, Jabez & Yadkin Co
12. Taylorsville, Salem & Alexander Co.
13. Lenoir & Wilkesborough
14. Concord & Shiloh
15. Davidson College
16. Bethel & Newton
17. Morganton & Burke Co.
18. Lenoiville & Silver Creek Chapel.
19. Marion & Siloam
20. Yancey & Mitchel Co's
21. Jefferson, Boone (Ashe & Watauga Co's)

Resolved- That it is the intention of the Presbytery that these Churches, thus classified, shall constitute Pastoral or Missionary Charges, and no minister or Churches shall be allowed to sever these connections, or form new ones, without the special permission of the Presbytery, or its Com. of Sustentation ad interim.

The following report on Supplies was adopted viz:-

Supplies Appointed

Supplies

1. Rev's E.H. Harding, J.A. Penick & W.W. Pharis- each one Sab. at Rocky River.
2. Rev E.H. Harding & J.A. Penick preach at Rockford on Sabbath evenings & week days at discretion.
3. Rev g. Rumple in east Rowan. on Sunday evenings &c. at discretion.
4. W.W. Pharis as a. one Sab. at Back Creek.
5. Rev E.H. Rockwell one Sab. at Third Creek and

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one Sab. at Salem & administer the Sacrament
6. Rev E. H. Harding. J. Rumple & W. A. Wood.
Each one Sab. at Morgantown
7. Rev J. Rankin. One Sab. at Hickory Station
8. Request Rev R. B. Anderson to preach one Sab. at Back Creek
9. Rev R. H. Caldwell one Sab. in Yadkin Co.
10. Rev W. A. Wood visit Shiloh & inquire into the state of the Church & Rev R. B. Anderson be requested to preach in that Church as often as practicable.

Vote of Thanks

Mr A. Lenny appeared in Presbytery as ruling Elder from Wilkesboro Church, & took his seat.
On motion, the Thanks of this Presbytery, were tendered to the Citizens of Taylorsville for their kindness & courtesy to its members; & that the pastor be requested to announce this resolution from the pulpit.

Resolution to raise $12.50.

On motion, Resolved- That We as a Presbytery, consider ourselves as morally bound by the resolution past at our last Stated meeting, touching the securing of appropriations made by the Gen'l Assembly's Com. of Sustentation, & that we will use efforts to redeem the pledge which we have made, during this present year.

Sec'y Clerk to

The Stated Clerk was directed to transmit to the Sessions of Back Creek & Prospect, a copy of Resolutions 8 & 9. found on pp. 439-440 of our Presbyterial Records.
The Stated Clerk was also directed to inform

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the Churches of Salem & Shiloh, that this Presbytery expects them to fulfill their engagements to Rev S.C. Millen for his ministerial services.
The minutes of to day were read & approved.
On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Mod, during the sitting Sessions of Synod in Raleigh.
Closed with singing, prayer, and apostolic benediction.

(Signed) T. N. Paxton. Mod.
Trm Clerks { B. Le. Beall & R. A. Alexander

Wm W Phan.
Stated Clerk

Absentees from the present meeting of Pres at Taylorsville without excuse Rev S. W. McPhail & el.

Churches not represented. Rocky River, Poplar Tent, Concord Town, Davidson College, Bethel, Salisbury, Back Creek, Prospect, Third Creek, Tabor, Fifth Creek, Bethany, Bethesda, Jefferson, Newton, Morganton, Zionsville, Marion, Siloam.

Wm W. Phan Stated Clerk
Concord Presbytery.

Approved as far as written.
J. A. Stanfield
Mod

Raleigh N.C.
Oct 7th 1870.

Adjourned meeting.
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The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at the call of the moderator in the Presbyterian Church Raleigh N.C. & was opened with prayer by the moderator,

Present—

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
J. R. Paxton	A. J. Hall.
E. F. Rockwell	R. G. Beall.
Robt Bradley	Wm Murdoch.
S. C. Pharr D.D.	G. C. Kirkpatrick.
J. Rumple.	
G. W. McPhail M.D.	
R. H. Caldwell	
E. H. Harding.	
S. A. Prnick.	
G. M. Gibbs.	

The committee appointed to confer with the Presbytery of Mecklenburg on the matter of giving to Orange Presbytery a certain number of Trustees offered the following report, which was accepted viz—

The committee appointed to confer with the Presbytery of Mecklenburg upon the matter of her tendering the election of three Trustees to Orange Presbytery, report that they have discharged their duety, & they present the accompanying communication from Mecklenburg Presbytery, as the result,

com { J. Rumple
S. A Prnick

The communication, referred to, from Mecklenburg Presbytery was read, & on motion the following reply was adopted viz—

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Reply to Orange re Trustees of D. College.

The Presbytery of Concord, having received notice from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, that She has reconsidered her proposition to tender to the Presbytery of Orange the election of three Trustees of Davidson College & that She now desires to tender the election of two of her Trustees to the Presbytery of Fayetteville, & one to the Presbytery of Wilmington, hereby concurs with the wish of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

Fayetteville & Mecklenburg consent Orange to share in the Trustees of D. College.

Communications were read from Mecklenburg & Fayetteville Presbyteries, duly certified & signed by their Stated clerks respectively, formally consenting to the proposition of Concord Presbytery, to invite Orange Presbytery to share in the government and control of Davidson College, and tendering to her the privilege of electing three Trustees of said College.

Orange accepts the invitation.

A communication was also read from Orange Presbytery, duly certified and signed by her Stated Clerk, formally accepting the invitation from Concord Presbytery to share in the government and control of Davidson College, provided, it meets with the approbation of the other Presbyteries concerned.

Rev. J. Rumple appointed to meet with Wilmington Pby N.C.

Rev. J. Rumple was appointed to meet with the Presbytery of Wilmington and ascertain their willingness to consent to the proposition of Concord Presbytery to invite Orange Presbytery to share in the government & control of Davidson College.

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Presbytery then took recess to meet this evening immediately after Synod adjourns.

After recess, the Presby met at the call of the moderator. Present, as before.

Rev J. Rumple reported that he had met the Wilmington Presbytery, at 3. o'clock today, in session, and that the Stated Clerk informed him on the floor of Presbytery, that his Presbytery, two days before, at Goldsboro, had given its consent, that Concord Presbytery should transfer the election of three of its Trustees of Davidson College, to the Presbytery of Orange; and that he would soon send written information of said action to our Stated Clerk.

Rev J. Rumple then read the form of a letter addressed to Orange Presbytery informing them that all the Presbyteries interested had given their formal consent to the said transfer of three Trustees, and that the way was now open for them to proceed to the election.

On motion the letter was adopted, and the Moderator authorized to sign it, & transmit it to Orange Presbytery.

On motion the Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the moderator.

Saturday Oct 8th

After recess. The Presbytery met at the call of the Mod. There being no business before Pres.- the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Salisbury in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday before

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the third Sabbath in April 1871.
7 O'Clock P.M.
Closed with prayer & apostolic benediction
Rev T. N. Paxton Mod.
E. H. Harding. Jun Clk

Wm H. Olarr
Stated Clerk.

Special meeting.

Statesville,
March 22nd 1871.

The Presbytery of Concord met in the Presbyterian Church Statesville in pursuance of a call of the moderator, Rev T. N. Paxton; viz. "At the request of two ministers & two ruling elders of different churches Concord Presbytery is called to have a special meeting in Statesville on the 22nd day of March 1871. at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the pastoral relation existing between the Rev R. H. Chilton & the Church of Bethany & Fifth Creek & the consummation of Dismissing him to the Carolina Mississippi Presbytery"

Present. Ministers Revs T. N. Paxton, A. McFadyen, C. J. Pressly & W. Chilton. Ruling Elders [illegible] & [illegible] Bethany & W. Sparkman from Fifth Creek.

Rev A. McFadyen was appointed Moderator pro tem: & Rev C. J. Pressly, temporary Clerk.

A paper with reasons & prayer from Bethany, having been brought into representation that the Church of Bethany & Fifth Creek concurred in the request of Rev R. H. Chilton for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, received and the pastoral relation, according to their mutual request is dissolved, and that Rev Chilton be declared vacant:
And that the Rev R. H. Chilton be

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[illegible] to consult [illegible] with the Cumberland Mississippi Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned sine die

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Salisbury Nov 23d 1841

Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Mod. from 2 Cor. 12 Chap. 9 Verse.

'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'

After sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the mod.

& the calling the roll the following members were present—

Ministers	Elders	Churches
present		represented
J. D. Johnston	W. H. Wilson	Liberty Grove
J. J. Parker	[illegible]	Fairbluff & Lumber
J. M. Gibbs	M. A. Long	Salisbury
J. M. Shaw Jr.	J. C. Dowd	Unity
J. M. Shaw Sen.	J. J. Bell	Fayetteville & Mt.
B. L. Davis	J. C. Wells	Concord
J. Brumble	J. M. Stephenson	Taylorsville
Wm. Harper	J. W. Harper	Hopewell
N. H. Wood	Dr. A. Simmons	Wilmington
	J. M. Evander	Clarendon

Rev. J. M. Shaw Jun. was elected Moderator & Rev B. L. Davis & Col. J. Wilson being elder were elected Temporary Clerks.

Rev J. D. Johnston of Fayetteville & Rev J. J. Parker of the Presbytery of Charleston being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion it was ordered that

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Salisbury 10th. April 1st 1811

in the Presbyterian church to morrow morning & evening. Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning 9 oclock. Synod met & was opened with prayer. The roll was called. Minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Rev. D. M. Campbell Rev. A. Proctor & Mr. Jno. Finley appointed to Presbytery & exercise Presbyterial powers for 6 months.

Rev. A. Evans's ruling Elder from Hopkinton Presb. Rev. H. Allison from Concord Presb. & Mr. Duff from Londonderry Church, appointed as Pres & Clerk this year.

The minute of last Stated meeting at Deerfield & of two adjourned meetings in Pembroke read.

Members & Presbs. appointed at last Stated meeting as occasional Supplies reported the fulfilment in part of said appointments & the Presbs. & fields of labor assigned more definitely.

Rev. D. M. Campbell Rev. A. Proctor & Mr. Jno. Finley excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery.

Churches not represented at last meeting were called upon to report whether they had any Stated Supplies & said Supplies to be noticed for their respective times. The Clerk announced the following Committees —

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On Bills & Accounts. — Rev. Messrs. Wm. Patterson, Jno. Harper & Jos. Duff & Mr. Jno. Gordon.

On Judicial Cases. Petitions &c. — Rev. Messrs. D. M. Campbell, A. Proctor & Jno. Finley & Mr. Jno. Gordon.

Reports of Occasional Supplies.

Churches not represented.

Rev. J. K. Mack appointed.

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On Narratives of Synod — Rev. Messrs. H. Hunting, D. M. Campbell & Wm. Patterson & Jno. M. Dale,

Narrative to Gen. Assy. — Rev. Messrs. D. M. Campbell & Wm. Patterson,

Systematic Benevolence — Rev. Messrs. B. Jenkins & H. Hunting.

On Dr. Bellamy's Communicants Question. — Rev. Messrs. A. Proctor, Wm. Patterson & Jno. Harper,

On Institution & Revivals &c. — Rev. Messrs. D. M. Campbell & J. M. Dale.

Occasional Services — Rev. Messrs. J. Knight & S. Dimmick.

On Sessional records — Rev. Messrs. S. M. Tibbets & Wm. Harris to review Records of Rev. Messrs. Morgan Lyon, Concord, Salisbury & Boscawen.

Rev. Messrs. Jno. Finley & Jos. Duff, &c. to review records of Dunbarton, Salem, Marlow, Gilmanton, Bethlehem, Londonderry, Concord, Concord South, Hopkinton & Salisbury,

Rev. Messrs. D. M. Campbell & H. A. Hunting &c. to review records of Prospect, Back Concord, Amherst, Westboro, Bethany, Fifth Church,

Rev. Messrs. Wm. Harris & Jno. M. Dale to review Hopkinton, Londonderry, Northfield, Deerfield, Third Concord, Hopkinton, Boscawen & Pittsfield.

A Certificate of Dismission & Recommendation from Rev. Mr. Church from Charlestown Presbytery to this Presbytery was read & referred to the Committee on Sessional records.

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Trustees of N. College

Satisfactory reasons for absence from meeting of Trustees of N. College were presented in behalf of Rev. C. W. Wilson D.D. Dr. J. Summerell & Dr. J. S. Ramsay.

Rev. Dr. Bradley appeared in Presbytery & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

A letter from the Stated Clerk of Statesville Presby. touching the organization by this body of a church or churches in Concord, Rock Valley, Johnston Co. Texas, was read, & on motion, referred to the Com. of Distribution.

A letter from Statesville Presbytery

A communication from the Stated Clerk of Concord touching assessment due by this body, was read, & on motion put into the hands of the Treasurer of Presby.

The following paper from the Stated Clerk of Orange Presby. in response to a former communication from this body, was read,—

Paper from Orange Presbyty.

"Secy's office of Orange Presby,
June 10. 1871.

Rev. W. M. Wilson
Stated Clerk of Concord Presby,

Dear Bro,

At a meeting of Orange Presby, held in Raleigh N.C. on the 4th day of April 1870 the following letter was received from the Stated Clerk of Concord Presby,

Raleigh N.C.
April 4th 1870.

Rev. J. Isbell, Stated Clerk of Orange Presby,

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Dear Bro,

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully informs the Presbytery of Orange, that the Presbyteries of Bethel, Fayetteville, Wilmington & Mecklenburg have concurred in the proposition made by the Presbytery of Concord to transfer the Counties of Davie & Rowan to the Presbytery of Orange. All the legal conditions being thus complied with the Presbytery of Orange is respectfully invited to elect said three Trustees of N. College. By order of the Presbytery of Concord

D. R. Kerr, Stated Clerk.

Paper from Orange Presbyty.

Whereupon the following resolute was adopted by the Presbytery of Orange.

"On the 18th April 1870, the Presbytery of Orange unconditionally accepted the proposition of Concord Presby, this condition being now complied with, the Stated Clerk was directed to procure information respecting the rule for electing Trustees of N. College, & whatever other information may be necessary for the Presby, in the premises."

"On motion, the election of Trustees for N. College was postponed until the next Stated meeting of the Presbytery."

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a copy of the Board of Trustees of N. College giving action, a copy of the above proceedings of Orange Presby, & requesting to be informed at the earliest convenience, the time when a copy of the Charter, the By-laws & whatever information may be necessary to enable the Presbytery of Orange to proceed intelligently in the matter.

D. Isbell, Stated Clerk of Orange

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A letter from Rev. E. J. Baird M.D. corresponding Sec. of Am. Bible Soc. addressed to the Board of the Conf. on Ed. Interests.

The reading, the report of the Com. & subsequent action deferred until tomorrow Morning at 10 o'clock.

It was made the special order after recess today to be taken up in Sessional records.

Mr Veale, Price, Jackson, Keller from Asbury, Kennedy, secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, & Mr Gehr.

Candidates received.

W. Lucas, Rowles, Members of Zion's Church, were introduced to Presbytery as candidates for the Gospel ministry, examined as experimental religion & creditors, for desiring the ministry, which examination being sustained as satisfactory, they were taken under the care of this Presbytery, & their names enrolled.

Leave to sign Ord papers.

Rev. R. A. Fenwick, E. H. Harding & Rev. Mr. Fenwick were appointed a committee to assign subjects for trial pieces to Messrs John W. Rowles, Wm. H. Davis, D. S. Clifford & Francis M. Dulin, preparatory to licensure.

Time & place of next Meeting.

Mr Johnson, Gilmer from Third Creek appeared, as Ruling & Lay, delegate.

Session was then adjourned to meet on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in September P. M. at 3 o'clock P. M. as the time for holding the next stated meeting of this Presbytery.

Statistical Reports Call'd for.

On motion, it was made the 2nd order of the day, after recess, to present statistical

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reports of Sessions & the 3d order of the day to hear reports on statistics & schools.

Rev Dr. J. Hyde Agent of American Bible Society, was invited to address Presbytery on the work.

Address of Agt. of Bible Society.

After the hearing of the address it was

Resolved, That the Presbytery having listened to hear the address of Rev Dr J. Hyde Agt. of American Bible Society, touching the distribution of the Bible, & that we heartily commend this cause to the christian people within our bounds, & urge them to make liberal contributions to this Agent.

Resolved, That we recommend to each of our ministers & churches diligence to secure an annual collection to this cause in their respective churches.

Presbytery then took recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

After recess Presbytery met.

Corresponding member.

Sessional records were handed in to the Presbytery. Rev Samuel Rothrock of Tennessee & Rev Mr. being present was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Rev Dr. Richardson appeared in Presbytery & assigned satisfactory reasons for his absence.

Statistical Reports

Statistical reports were then read & the following were declared in order viz:-

Rocky River, Poplar Tents Concord, Bethany, Centre, Bethel, Hopewell, Thyatira, Unionville, Mt Pleasant, Concord, Franklin, Mt Carmel, Fayetteville, Indian Spring, Atkinson, Wilmington, The following are omitted in

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Bill pass'd Rep. for Services of J.D. Mack.

Voted to furnish Minutes Statistical Reports.

Pastoral Relation dissolved.

Reply to Hebron Presbyty.

voted to hold a Sabbath-School. Brother Jessup, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church for the pastoral services of Rev. J.D. Mack; in which case the congregation promises to pay Twelve hundred dollars, in regular half yearly payments, together with a comfortable parsonage. Said call, on motion, was put into the hands of Rev. J.D. Mack.

Voted, Resolved, that the Stated Clerk cause to be printed a new supply of Statistical & Financial Reports, conformed to the arrangement of the Gen. Assembly, with the questions as now expended & circulated. Have a supply on hand by, prior to the next Spring Semi-annual meeting.

Rev. E.P. Hunting requested & assigned reasons for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him & the Church of Hancock Town.

This request being concurred in by letter from the congregation through their commissioner Rev. W. Allen, was granted, & the Church declared vacant. It was also at his own request dismissed to connect himself with the Presbyty of Hoosic, & the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with a certificate of dismissal.

Rev. Reuben Bissell appointed to preach during a vacancy.

Closed with Prayer.

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Friday morning 9 o'clock

Synod met.

Opened with Prayer, minutes of yesterday read, corrected, & approved.

The Committee on Bills & Claims reported, that the account of Rev. J.D. Mack for services rendered & Expenses of Publication, be paid.

The following paper touching Communion from Hebron Presbytery was adopted.

The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred a communication from the Presbytery of Hebron, authorizing the Presbytery of Concord to organize a Church in Rupert & directing the same to the care of the Presbytery of Hebron, would recommend that the following answer be returned to the Rev. Hebron Presbytery;

That the Presbytery of Concord does not consider it wise to organize a Church under the care of another Presbytery. Nevertheless if the Presbytery of Hebron will organize said Church, the Presbytery of Concord, if desired, will furnish the Church with occasional preaching until such time as the Presbytery of Hebron may see it convenient to supply said Church.

Respectfully submitted

J. Brumpé, Ch. com.

Resolved, that each Minister & Ruling Elder present be directed to report & transact in our

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Eldens & Deacons.

Stated Meeting of Session this evening as the first order of the day, a full board of Elders & Deacons in the church & Chandler Gay represented, opened with the usual devotional exercises & that the church not hire be responsible be directed to send a delegate to the Synod of N.C. as soon as is practicable,

Rev. Jos. D. Mack tendered his acceptance of the Call from the Presby. Church, whereupon Rev D. McNeill & Dr. J. M. Wilson were appointed a com. to arrange for his installation,

Mr. Robt. McIver, a member of Lincoln Co. church was introduced to Presby. as a candidate for the Gospel ministry, was examined in the branches of experimental religion, the motive for seeking the ministry, which examination being sustained in satisfactory, he was received under the care of this Presby. as a candidate for licensure, &-

Rev. Jos. D. Mack was appointed Stated Supply of Thyatira Church, the pastor of Rev. Robt. Mack.

Beneficiary

The Chairman of the com. of Education made the following report -

The Presbytery of Concord has at this time under its care three candidates for the ministry, Messrs Samuel Tuttle & Clifford. Mr Tuttle is pursuing his studies at N. College, & is about concluding his Sophomore year. He is a young man of exemplary character, stands high as a student

Report of Education Com.

of good natural powers of becoming a useful & acceptable minister. Being entirely dependent upon pecuniary means aided by Presbytery, he has labored for the passed year under great embarrassment in consequence of very neglected collections, & unless some adequate relief can be furnished will be compelled to suspend his studies for the ensuing year in order to teach. The same embarrassment has probably effected the other candidates, but a special provision is made for students in the Theological Institution is probably more favorable.

A very acceptable plan has been started to aid students for the ministry in Davidson by a Student Society who by their work have furnished a considerable amount of means by cultivating a small piece of ground. Mr. Mitchell has been raised in the vicinity & possesses by former in the neighborhood which has induced the cost of living to a very small amount, & Some special contributions have greatly assisted the young man in being able to continue their studies, but nevertheless the prospects of the ensuing year remains good as ever, & will require special attention from the Presby.

D. McNeill Chm.

The report of the Committee of Education was adopted & the report was referred to Revs J. McNeill D. McLaughlin & Ruling Elder Robt. McIver to be considered.

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Report of Auditing Com.

The com. appointed to audit accounts &c., of publication reported the following statement was received: The com. appointed to audit the accounts of the Dept of Publication would report, that they have examined his vouchers, & find them correctly kept, & that he has made in full for all he received since his last report, & paid out & has on hand $13.50 which he is ordered to hand over to his successor when appointed.

Respectfully submitted
G. Brandon
Com, D. P. Johnston &
Robt. McCorkle.

D. Johnston & T. Cosell were appointed Elders

Rev. E. V. Gerding offered his resignation as Dept of Publication which was accepted, Rev D. V. Johnston of Orange Co being present was invited to sit as corresponding member.

On motion Synod proceed to appoint a Treasurer of all the financial & benevolent affairs of the Presbytery.

Mr Ebenezer McBee having this day been duly elected in Nov. last, took his seat.

Presbyterial Treasurer.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to forward to the Treasurer of Synod $75. as recommended in this body for the years 69 & 70.

Treasurer to pay Synodical assessments.

Com appointed to audit accts of the Treasurer & Evangelism reported a report which was read & is as follows: The com. appointed to audit the acct. of the Treasurer of Education

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Report that they have examined the Treas. & find the accts. correct, & proper vouchers for money paid out, with the exception of $60.00 which his report specifies as not yet received, as money reported as now on hand. The receipts & disbursements correctly stated.

Respectfully submitted
G. Brandon
Com, D. P. Johnston
Robt. McCorkle

Report to Synod

Resolved, That the Statistical Secretary be appointed as usual, & that he hereby is notified appointed with the Secretaries Board of the Synod, & Evangelism, & to receive & forward to the Chairman of the Executive Com at Columbia, all moneys due from said Board to the Com. of Domestic missions, or Sustentation of the Genl. Assembly, & report to this body at its next regular annual meeting.

Synod to report.

The com. appointed to examine the Sessional Records of Fairview, Fourth Creek, Morgantown, Concord, Shiloh & Taylorsville, report that they have examined all the records placed in their hands & recommend the approval of Fairview & Taylorsville in full, & Fourth Creek, & Concord with exceptions, which report was accepted & adopted & the exceptions ordered to be recorded on the respective books.

The com. on the minutes of Synod presented a report which was accepted, & is as follows viz:- The com. on the minutes of Synod would report that they have examined the Records of Synod as called

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Minutes of Synod Report of Com.

Resolutions of Institution, touching the work will be attended to by the Presbyteries,

And on page 15 the Resolution on Presbyteries as follows - Resolved 1st That the Synod recommends to the presbyteries to take such steps as will best secure a speedy completion of the Capital Loan, Resolved 2nd That Synod urges our ministers & people to co-operate, as liberally as they can, in supplying their Pastors & Stated Supplies, families & individuals, our own publishing house in Richmond, Va.

Also on page 22nd a Resolution on Historical Sketches as follows - Resolved, That the Synod recommends to each of the Presbyteries to appoint annually some one of its members to prepare & read before the Pres. a historical sketch of some one of the churches within its bounds, & that such sketches be filed away by the Stated Clerk in the archives of the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted

E. W. Harding, Pres.

That portion of said report relating to Publication was referred to the Board of Publication.

W. S. Harris
20 J. Rockwell
Church Histories

W. S. Harris Ruling Elder was appointed to prepare & present to next Spring Pres. a Historical Sketch of Poplar Tent Church, & Rev. J. J. Rockwell a similar sketch of Centre Church.

The com. to examine the Sessional records of Concord Thyatira, Poplar Tent,

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Centre, Bethpage, Marion, Salisbury & Newton reported, recommending the approval as per minutes of the records of Concord Thyatira, Siloam, Rocky River, Centre, Bethpage & Marion, & the approval with exceptions of Records of Salisbury & Newton, which report was received & adopted & exceptions ordered to be put on the respective books.

J. Hendrix
Com. Bell, Sibbs, &
W. S. Harris, Pres.

The Com. to examine the Sessional records of Mocksville, Third Creek, Poplar Tent, Hopewell, Thyatira, Franklin & Davie, reported that they had examined the Records & would recommend the approval of Mocksville, Third Creek, Thyatira, Poplar Tent, & Franklin as far as written, & Davie with exception which was accepted & adopted.

E. W. Harding Pres.

Sessional Records Report of Com.

The Com. of Sustentation presented through their Chairman a Report which was read, accepted & referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs Hendrix, Bell, Sibbs & W. S. Harris, Pres. and which was as follows viz:-

Report Re Sustentation

From April 6th 1870 to April 18th 1871.

The Com. of Sustentation of Concord Presby. would respectfully present, this, their annual Report on this important subject. At the opening of the present year the business of the Com. was very much embarrassed by the failure of the

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churches to send in reports of their contributions
The Genl. Assly. has fixed the 1st Sat. of June
as the time for remitting contributions for this
cause, that the amount contributed, during
previous early in the year, the Com. may regulate
their appropriations by the amount of money
rec'd. This is a judicious regulation, & failure
to comply with it, creates embarrassment in
the whole scheme. Our Pres. has been
considered as property & disposition, was,
& the Ass'y's Com, intimate that appropriations
to our body should not exceed $750.
But when the contributions are withheld
till one third or one half of the year expires,
Your Com, is utterly unable to determine
how much assistance to ask for, or how
much we can reasonably hope to receive.
Last year the Pres. Church was efficiently &
pleasingly, by resolution $1250. to this Com.
Upon the strength of this resolution, we asked
for, & obtained appropriations as follows.

For Rev. B. H. Brandt Missionary —	$700.
" " S. A. Gibbs Asst. "	150.
" " D. P. Johnston Asst. "	100.
" " J. Rumbaugh D. & Sch	100.
" " T. H. Paxton Asst.	100.
" " W. H. Caldwell D.	75.
Total —	$1225.
Besides this amount the Com. pledged to Rev. B. H. Brandt	$250.

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making a total pledge of $1175.00. To meet
this pledge of $1250. the whole amount contributed
by the churches for the year 1870. has been — $770.13.
or less than the amount pledged — $456.87.
or less than what is spent in our bounds by $281.87.
Your Com, would report that they used every
available & judicious means they could devise,
by circulars, & publications in the Presbyterian,
to raise this amount. A calculation revealed
the fact that a contribution of 50 cts per member,
would realize something more than said
amount. & this fact was published, & the average
stated. But still they failed to raise the amount.
The report of the Treasurer herewith presented will
show, that the churches of Statesville, (Silver Run being
Sec'd in connection), Lebanon, Mocksville, Fullerton,
Olin, Salisbury, Taylor Street & Thyatira,
come up to or over paid their average, & that all
the others fell short: & that only 4. churches in Concord,
Davidson, Hopkins & Lebanon, paid nothing
at all to this cause. The Com, would remind the
Pres. that Rev. is still due to Rev. Brandt for
last year's services $181.12. of the $250. pledged.
& that there still remains unpaid the sum of
$711.28. due on account of services rendered
as Evangelist, before the division of Presbytery.
Your Com, recommend that steps be taken
to liquidate these claims.
Of the labors of the brethren aided by the Com,
& Institution it is not thought necessary that

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any report should be given in as much as in their capacity as pastors should supplies will any report directly to the Mission.

Stated Supplies.

Your com. would report, that on the 22nd of Feb. 1870, they gave consent to a formal application of the Church of Millsboro for the services of Rev J. Hankins for 4th Sabbath for the year at a salary of $100.00, and to the Church of Marion & Rev D. McPherson 4th Sabbath at salary of $175, & that the Chs of Marion & Millsboro have reported compliance with the terms of the agreement.

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The Churches of Concord, Taylorsville & Shiloh, employed Rev C. A. Miller.

The Chs of Prospect & Back Creek, the services of Rev Robt. Bradley.

The Chs of Mocksville & Jabez, the services of Rev S. A. Gilbert, on which the formal approval of Presbytery is to carry as required by order of Assy.

Relief Funds.

Your com. would report, that only a part of the Chs contributed to the relief fund the sum of $85.375, & that since the following applications have been made for aid & the sums granted & paid over viz:—

For Rev A. A. Miller disabled	$100.
" Rev Wm. D. Wilson, widow	$100.
" Mrs. Maria C. Snider "	$50.
" Mrs. Eliz. Sheets "	$100.
Total	$350.

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ordinarily & liberally contributed by our churches. We earnestly recommend that our ministers & churches endeavor to secure more liberal & general contributions to this cause. We ought not consent to be pensioners upon the bounty of others, while nothing is done to aid this important cause.

Missionary efforts for 1871.

After careful deliberation upon the best method of prosecuting work for the present year, your com. have adopted the following resolutions, & recommend to Pres. for their adoption viz:

Scheme of Missionary work for 1871.

Dual Report.

The com. recommend that a missionary be employed by Presby. to supplement his labors in the destitute, by pastoral work by the brethren appointed by the Pres. as follows:

Scheme of Miss. work.

1. Wed. & Sab. That the Missionary spend one week in Mocksville & Yadkin Co's & the remaining time among the vacant chs preaching, & urging them to systematic efforts in benevolence, & taking care in procuring pastors & permanent supplies. That efforts be kept up near to call Ch's before the year.

2nd Wed. & Sab. May, spend in Lex. Davie Co & the remainder among the vacant chs.

3. May. Rev D. R. Preston and elder in Davie

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Miss. appointed one month visits mountain
4. Jones & Gibbs, N. Albright & Pres. Penn with
W. H. Evans & Geo. Rowland as aids, one
month in the mountains. Missy. to record
Ch's
5. August 4 Sept. The Chas. with Franklin Evans
Jno. H. Reed & Rob't F. Bagwell each one
month in the mountains. Missy. to remain
& visit in the surrounding Ch's
6. Oct 1. Rec'd. D. D. Pinton one Sab & Rec'd Hoke
Brantley two Sabs in Davy & Mitchell. Missy. to
Sus, Com, record Ch's
Report 7. Nov & Dec. Missionaries to remain & record
Ch's at his discretion

On the foregoing plan it is contemplated

1st That the Conference may Constitute & furnish in
missionary labor, what may be allowed to visit each
people, under the supervision of some ordained
minister.

2d That the Record Ch's shall receive the stated allow-
ance of the Discipline & that they contribute to his sup-
port according to the Local financial system, all as recom-
ded.

3d That we ask the Presidents Conference to
to take the oversight of the Record Ch's

4th That the Missionaries be Stationed & Appointed as
Special appointments for the first half of
Conference appointments, leaving them subject to
Presiding Elder appointments & further explanation

That each Missy shall have appointments for the

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Succession, & furnish them with such mem-
oranda of persons, places, & roads, as may
seem necessary for their guidance.

6th Each Missy shall present to Pres. a written report
of his labors.

7th His returns should be presented to Presiding Elder
Abroad, the Conference Secretary, & sending them to the Record Ch's
under the action of Conf. D. D. see Record Ch's

8th The Institution Committee shall secure the payment
of all necessary traveling expenses of Missionaries &
Assistants, either by retaining the amount thereof
furnish said as from the funds contributed
for Conference.

Sus, Com, Report

The Com. have heard the address
of Rev. D. D. Pinton & Missy. The consequence
of the special failure of Ch's to report the amt.
of their contributions, have com. be found it
impracticable to make recommendations for all
until the Record comes.

They have also agreed to make the following
recommendations viz:

Rev. D. D. Pinton, Missionary	$150.
" J. A. Wilson	175.
" J. M. Gibbs	250
" J. P. Johnston	100
" D. Trantum	175.
Total	$850.

The record also the following statement
concerning Incidental expenses &c

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Pastor's Salaries

Rev J. Summerell $1200 $100 Sus. 75.00	$ 475.00
" J.M. Johnston $1000 + 35.15 + teaching 100. Sus 70	$ 330.00
" D.W. Payton $175 + 150 + Sus & rent 75	$ 475.00
" S.W. [illegible]	$ 25.00
" S.A. Dibble $400 1150 1150 + Sus 24	= $ 725.00
" [illegible]	$ 200.00
" B.G. Bell	$ 150.00
" J. Rumple $1000. + rent	$ 1300.00
" M.A. Penick	$ 400.
" H.A. Ward	$ 100.
" C.F. Hackwell Tuition & Sal. 350. Teaching 200 =	$ 1050.
" R.S. Caldwell	$ 575.
" C.H. Fries	$ 1000.
" J. McCorkle	$ 1200.
" J. Miller Sus. Relief	$ 100.
" W.W. Shaw	$ 700.
" R. Bradley $400 1300 150	= $ 1750.

75 percent to be brought on account of the Treasurer's accounts for 1870 & 1871 to date which is as follows

Abstract of Treasurer's Accounts

Names of Churches	Sus. 1870	Religs. 1870	Sus. 1871	Religs. 1871
Back Creek	$ 10.00			
Bethany	$ 10.50	$ 5.00		
Bethel			$ 12.50	
Bethesda	$ 1.50			

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Names of Churches	Sus. 1870	Religs. 1870	Sus. 1871	Religs. 1871
Bethphage	$ 14.70	$ 6.-	$ 15.	
Centre	$ 31.30		$ 20.	
Coddle Creek	$ 26.	$ 2.50		
Concord	$ 12.			
Concord Town	$ 35.			
Dunnville	$ 6.		$ 6.	
Fifth Creek	$ 13.60	$ 3.		
Fourth Creek	$ 61.20		$ 32.35	
Franklin			$ 11.75	
Jefferson	$ 6.50			
Mocksville	$ 21.50			
Lexington	$ 60.00		$ 36.85	
Marion	$ 11.00		$ 11.50	
Morganton	$ 57.50		$ 14.75	
Newton	$ 7.00		$ 10.50	$ 5.
Oxford Town	$ 22.50		$ 25.00	
Providence	$ 40.00			
Reedy Creek	$ 37.70		$ 31.50	
Silver Run & Hopewell	$ 21.00	$ 3.50	$ 3.00	
Salem				
Salisbury	$ 75.00	$ 20.00	$ 75.00	
Shiloh	$ 8.00			
Shiloh	$ 40.00	$ 8.15	$ 11.15	
Tabor	$ 5.00			
Taylorsville	$ 24.00			
Third Creek	$ 17.75	$ 6.15	$ 11.00	
Upatoi				
Unity	$ 9.90		$ 11.00	
Wilkesboro	$ 20.25		$ 20.00	

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Names.	Ex's 1870	Reliefs 1870	Ex's 1871	Reliefs 1871
D. M. Saunders	$10.00		22.00	
Ed. H. Harding	$10.00			
J. M. S.	$2.50			
Rev. J. P. Johnston	$ ..			
Balance due Rev. J. B. Mack			30.00	
			$ ..	
Total -	$773.13	$3.25	$440.00	$1.00

The committee respectfully report the following disbursements viz: Leonard Swan, Crockett & Davis for making coffins, Bishop, & Dr Hall for visits.

These bills were directed to apply to the Comm. for supplies. No application has been made to us, we have had nothing officially to do in the matter, but as individuals we have used our influence to secure supplies for the Co.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

By order of the Committee.

J. Brumfield, Pres.

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It was ordered by council that the City Fathers cause to appear documents in the Court, according,

On motion Monday night at seven o'clock half after two o'clock P.M.

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After recess, Brady, mct,

The first order of the day was taken up, viz: to receive from committee a list of Allen & Duncan, & Co. officers, &c.

Com. appointed to prepare & present to Conv. a biographical Sketch of the life & labors of Rev. D. M. Short, decd offered a paper which was read & ordered to be recorded in the Presbytery's Book of Biographical Sketches.

Biographical Sketch of Rev. D. M. Short

Com. to review Records of the Comm. of Substitution reported that they be approved so far as written, & that the same Substitution Com. be continued with the substitution of Rev J. B. Mack in place of Rev E. H. Harding.

J. B. Mack in Sub. Com.

Leave of absence after adjournment was granted to Rev E. H. Harding & R. H. Allison M.D.

Presbytery next took up the second order of the day viz: the election of Commissioners to the Genl. Assy.

Rev J. Brumfield & Ruling Elder J. H. Graham, as principles, with Rev W. S. Bell & Ruling Elder D. L. Hawkins alternates, were duly elected. Comm. to the Genl. Assembly to meet in Greensboro' on the 4th Thursday inst.

Com. to Genl. Assy

Leave of absence was granted to J. F. Bell, during the pleasure of Presbytery.

Rev R. H. Bell was appointed in place of Rev D. M. Short, deceased to prepare a biographical Sketch of said Rev. D. M. Short, & to present at next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

Biographical Sketch D. M. Short

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D.A.Davis Treasurer Presbty.

Wm. A. Nicholas was appointed Treasurer of all the Benevolent & financial Agencies of the Presbytery.

Com. on Bills & Accounts reported that no business had come into their hands - requested to be discharged, which request was granted & the Com. discharged.

The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. J. R. Wood as pastor of Rocky River Church presented the following report which was accepted & is as follows viz:

The Com. appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev J. R. Wood as pastor of Rocky River Church report as follows viz: That the installation take place at said Church on Saturday after the first Sabbath of August at 11 o'clock A.M.

Sermon to install Rev J.R. Wood

That Rev W. H. Shaw be appointed to preside & preach the installation Sermon - that Rev J. A. Penick deliver the charge to the pastor, & Rev J. Rumple to the people, & that Rev E. H. Whitesides be alternate to Rev Wm. Shaw, Rev J. A. Shaw Sen. be alternate to Rev J. A. Penick, & Rev D. R. Wood alternate to Rev J. Rumple. Respectfully submitted

Wm. A. Nicholas

J.R. Wood Appt. Publication

Rev J. R. Wood was appointed Agt. of Publication in place of Rev A. H. Hawthorn.

The Com. appointed to examine Treasurers Books

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Treasurer & Sabbath Schools

reported, recommending the following persons which was accepted viz:- That the Clerk of this be requested to write as follows -

R. A. Caldwell
Wm. J. Brambett
" J. A. Penick Y
Wm H. Beall.

That Wm. Wm. Allison be appointed to take the place of Rev. D. R. Harding.

The Com. appointed to audit the account of Treasurer of Presby, reported that they had examined the same & found it to be correct.

The subject of calling a convention of Sabbath Schools was recommitted to the Stated Com. consisting of the Stated Clerk, J. R. Wood & W. J. Pharr, Esq.

Sabbath Schools Com. Report.

The Com. on Sabbath Schools report that they have held a Convention at Thyatira Church on the 2nd Sabbath & have sent up reports & statistics as far as practicable according to the Sabbath Schools. The Schools are generally instructed in the Bible & Catechisms, & quite a variety of question books, & in some cases used the graded system prescribed by our Board of Publication, & are encouraged with its success. While we have no report from the Rocky River Church, yet we can say that our Sabbath Schools, as well as the

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Education Agency Contributed to &c. proceeded to Drawers 4,0,

One resolution was passed that all money contributed by our churches for education be forwarded to the Treasurer subject to the will of the Conference how any surplus remaining after our own Candidates have been supported, shall be used in the Central Farm, at Richmond.

Our session Presby took recess until 2 o'clock P.M. to meet in the Session House.

After recess.

Presbyterian met, and proceeded to consider the Report, which had been read, of the Com. on the Report of the Board of Publication.

It was taken up section by section, & adopted as follows viz:

Report of Com. on Pub. Cond'g Report.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Publication Board, offer the following Report viz:

1st Re. Pg. recommend the adoption of the plan of missionary appropriations suggested by the Board for the present year.

2d In order to secure the success of this plan we offer for the adoption of Presby the following Resolutions.

1st That the ministers, Preachers & Churches be earnestly requested to make & forward their contributions to the Board as early in the year as practicable, & we do hereby urge

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as possible.

2d That ministers & Sessions of those churches that have done nothing or less than ought to be satisfy their consciences be pressingly urged to take the matter into serious & prayerful consideration, & to manifest a zeal & liberality commensurate with the existing exigencies of the case.

3. That all our churches be directed to take up annual collections for the Relief Board.

4. Resolved, that the Treasurer be instructed & directed to pay to Rev D. Sr. Doak out of the Destitution funds now in hands the sum of $253.40 due Conf. in part as Evangelist, & the Committee on Missionary & Visiting the Churches be urged to make special efforts, should it be necessary as said out by the Treasurer.

Report of Com. on Destitute Report.

Treasurer to pay D. Doak.

Resolved further, that the Treasurer of the Conf. be directed to notify the several churches that they will be visited by our missionary by the direction of Presby requiring their helpful co-operation to promote their general interests, & that they will be expected to respond with a correspondable liberality to their services especially as they have not failed to support.

Respectfully submitted.

D. Sanders, &c.
J. M. Pike, &c.
D. Edwards, &c.

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Bro. A. Sherer ruling Elder from Prospect appointed Brethren to serve as Stewards & took his seat.

The com. appointed to suggest subjects for trials of Messrs R. M. Tuttle, D. S. Clifford, W. H. Neely & John H. Rowsey made the following report which was accepted viz:

"The com. appointed to recommend parts of Trial for Messrs W. H. Neely, D. S. Clifford, R. M. Tuttle, J. H. Rowsey report

Subjects for Trial. Granted

3rd. W. H. Neely we recommend the following

1. Exegesis. "Our New Home"
2. Critical exercise. Josh 10:1-6
3. Lecture. 1st Psalm.
4. Popular Sermon. Romans 5:1-5. "Therefore having been justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

For D. S. Clifford the following

1. Exegesis. "Do all things without murmurings & disputings"
2. Critical exercise. Romans 5:1-6.
3. Lecture - 4th Psalm.
4. Popular Sermon. Rom. 8:1. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit."

For R. M. Tuttle the following -

1. Exegesis - "As sick yet always rejoicing"
2. Critical exercise - 1 Cor. 3:9:15.
3. Lecture - 1 Cor. 13th Chap.
4. Popular Sermon - Acts 13:38. "Be it known unto you therefore men & brethren that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins."

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For J. H. Rowsey the following -

1. Exegesis upon "The Spiritual Sanctus all rejoicing"
2. Critical exercise Col 2:16 23.
3. Lecture - Luke 10:17-21.
4. Popular Sermon - John 6:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"

Sab. School Convention

Bro. on the subject of Sab. School convention & submitted the following report which was accepted viz -

Whereas Rev Bro W. H. Wood has invited all the ministers, Sab. School superintendents & teachers of Concord Bro. to meet in Statesville in convention on Wednesday morning 10 o'clock before the 5th Sabbath in August. Resolved that this Presbytery recommend said ministers, Sab. School superintendents & teachers to avail themselves of this opportunity of considering this important subject.

D. H. Penick Chairman Education

Rev S. McPhail was offered his resignation as Chairman of the com. of Education which was accepted, & Rev D. H. Penick appointed to fill the place.

The following narrative on the State of Religion was presented, read & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly viz -

The Narrative.

The com. on the narrative to the Gen. Assembly

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Narrative

I would submit the following.

In reporting to the Conference the state of religion within our bounds during the year past, we have first to state with fervent gratitude to Almighty God, that the work of revival which commenced in many of our churches, last fall & winter, which resulted in the conversion of many souls, & the addition of many to the church, is still in progress. Many of our churches have been visited with copious showers of divine grace, & the fruits of righteousness are abundant. Our congregations are large, & the interest manifested in the preaching of the word is unusually good. Our prayer meetings are well attended, & many are the witnesses who testify that God is with us of a truth. Our Sabbath Schools are in a prosperous condition, & well attended. Our Class meetings are also in a healthy state. Many of our members have been added to the church during the year, & we have reason to believe that a goodly number of them are truly converted to God. Our congregations are generally large, & the word preached with power & unction from on high. Our Church edifices are in good repair, & comfortable for the worship of God. Our parsonages are also in good repair, & well furnished. Our pastors are diligent in the discharge of their duties, & are faithfully supported by their charges. Our Presiding Elder is laboring with great success in the bounds of his District, & is highly esteemed by the people. Our Local Preachers are zealous & efficient laborers in the vineyard of our Lord. Our Stewards are faithful in the discharge of their duties, & are a great help to the pastor in charge. Our Class Leaders are also faithful in the discharge of their duties, & are a great help to the pastor in charge. Our Sunday Schools are in a prosperous condition, & well attended

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Resolved that the Members of this Conference be cordially invited to the Salisbury Conference for their kind manner of entertaining the Bishop & the ministers of the Methodist E. Church South, for the time they were with us, & the Central & Western Divisions N. Carolina, & that the Secretary be requested to send this from the pulpit of Salisbury Church,

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence was discharged, & the Statistical Clerk directed to prepare a Report on Systematic Benevolence & forward it to the Genl. Assembly,

The Judicial Committee, reported that no business had come into their hands, & all their reports were discharged,

Minutes of yesterday were read, &

On motion Conference adjourned to meet in Lexington on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in Sept, & Wednesday p.m.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction,

(Signed) A. C. Dunlap
Bishop

Wm. M. Rumley
E. W. Hutchinson
Secretaries

Wm. M. Rumley Stated Clerk,

Salisbury N.C. April 1871

Appendix

Absentees

Absent from the present meeting in Salisbury without cause the following.

Churches not represented. College Ch., Bethel, Back Creek, Mocksville, Tabor, Fifth St. Church Winston, Shiloh, Salem, Millwood, Jefferson, Morganton, Jonesville, Lebanon.

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Presbyterian Report to the Genl. Assembly &

The Presbytery of Concord would report to the Genl. Assembly 2 Churches, 1 Licentiate & 12 Candidates

Ministers & Candidates	Post Office	Churches.	No. of Communicants	No. added on Profession	No. added by Certificate	Baptisms of Infants & Adults	Contributions for Foreign Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Education	Domestic Miss.	Sabbath Schools	Miscellaneous.
A. [illegible] Pearson	Statesville N.C.	Statesville N.C.	1	3.	56.	1	3	11	$68.25	$10.	935.	$10.	$11.	$480.	$10.
Daniel Shanklin D.D.	Prof. Theol. Sem.	Chilton N.C.			110										Collection
J. M. Johnston M.D.	Morganton	Mountain			9				1.						
J. H. McPhail M.D. Pres.	Davidson College	College Church	1.	2.	30.	1	2	110	348.	$43.	$ 1.	$ 5.	$ 5.	$11.	
C. F. Caldwell M.D.	Statesville	Third Creek	1	2	125.	2	7.	70.	$ 6.	$ 2	$ 2.	$6	$ 2	$100.	$ 2.
J. J. Pardon D.	Rowan Retreat	Marion	1	2.	31.	0	5	20	$23.	$10.	$ 8.	$ 7.	$ 3.	378.	0
	Marion	Salem	3	6.	47.	1	4.		2	7.	6.	4.	2.	120	Sabbath Sch.
S. U. Wilson M.D.	Statesville	Statesville N.C.	3	2	50.	1	3	27	21.	4.	0	0			
		Bethany			21.										
A. E. Wilson Pr. Co.	Taylorsville	Taylorsville N.C.	2	2	75	0	1	40.	17.	0	5.	0	25.	175.	0
A. D. Wilson M.D.	Salisbury	Hopewell	2		165.	0	1	60.	7.	0	10.	0	6.	32.	16.
	Salisbury	Providence	2	5.	80.	0	7	40	11.					350.	
E. E. Beall M.D.	Lincoln	Jefferson			8.				6.						
	Morganton	Morganton			15.				15.					16.00.	
J. Rumple D	Salisbury	Salisbury	1	1	118.	4.	5.	30.	7	30.	1000.	1	20	1.000	200.
	Fifth Creek	Salem			62.										
A. A. Penick D.	Rowan	Pisgah Church	12.	4.	123.	1	10.	60.	111.	60.	11.	11.	10.	1000.	5.
	Lincoln	Lincoln	1.	1.	37.	2	3.	49.	17.	5	0	5	3.	10	0
[illegible] Wilson M.	Davidson College	Concord	3	2.	100.	1	5.	30	20	15	15.	5	12	280	25
	Mill Grove	Centre	1	1.	150	2	7.	40	15	5	5		10	200	10
		Total	50	27	441.	4.	24.	66	457	105	127	65	101	3251.	24

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in Statesville, Ala. May 18th 1871.

to Genl. Assembly, met at consisting of 18. ministers - has under

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Synodic Convocations.

The report of the Presbytery of Kansas to the Synod, Abstract for Statistics ending April 1871.

Objects	Number of Congregations Contributing	Amounts
Relief Fund for Dis. Mins.	4	$ 31.
Education	13	$ 1344.
Assimilation	23	$ 414.
Publications	12	$ 127.
Foreign Missions	14	$ 360.
Miscellaneous	1	$ 397.
	Total	$ 3131.

Three Congregations have contributed to all the five Objects ordered by the Genl Assembly; 10 have contributed to 4 of them; 2 have contributed to 3 of them; 5 to two of them; & 6 none of them.

Remarks: Most of the reports are incomplete & the total amount contributed to the above Objects are less than $ 1191. & a somewhat larger number of contributing churches. Six & Obj. above reported as having paid nothing failed to forward reports. Some of them have probably contributed something but we have no means of ascertaining the facts. Seventeen churches have adopted the plan of weekly subscription, & eleven have adopted the plan of weekly payment & part of the Obj. are by the Obj. adopting this last plan report even encouraging increase in their contributions. By order of Kans. Synod. Thomas McAfee

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Lenoir N.C. Sept 7th 1871.

Stated Meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord in the Presbyterian Church at Lenoir on Thursday Sept 7th 1871, at 7 o'clock P.M. was opened with a Sermon by the Mod the Rev J.H. Saunders, from Rev 6:2. "He went forth conquering & to conquer."

After the Sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the moderator.

And at the calling the roll the following Minsters were present viz-

	Ministers.	Churches.	Elders.
	Jesse Rankin	Lenoir	C.W. Tuncette
Roll	Thos S. Johnston	Amailla	
	T.F. Burton	Marion & Siloam	
	G.M. Gibbs	Tabor	J. S. Andrews
	S.C. Millen	N.C.	
	S.C. Shaw Sr	Hopkins Prov	J.H. Graham
	C.S. Beall	Miss	
	J. Temple	Salisbury	J.J. Brenner
	S.A. Prince	Poplar Tent	M.W. Johnston
	W.W. Shaw	Centre & Bethphage	
	Robt Bradley	Concord	M.L. Stevenson
	W.A. Wood	Fourth Creek	
		College Church	D.W. Sparrow
		Prospect	J.F. West
		Third Creek	Sr J. G. Ramsay
		Unity	A. Culbertson
		Bethesda	A. Goodman
		Taylorsville	R.C. Wilson
		Newton	S.C. Gaither

Absentees

Rest of time, Supplies.

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The following ministers were absent viz-

The Rev Messrs E.F. Rockwell & J.B. Mack.

The following Churches were unrepresented, viz-

Rocky River, Concord Town, Bethphage, Centre, Bethel, Back Creek, Mocksville, Fifth Creek, Bethany, Fourth Creek, Shiloh, Salem, Wilkesboro, Jefferson, Morganton, Marion, Siloam & Drusilla.

The Rev Thos. S. Johnston was elected Moderator, & Rev B. Sc. Beall, & C.W. Tuncette & E.E. were elected temporary clerks.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning, at 9 o'clk in the Methodist Church.

Closed with prayer.

Friday Sept 8th

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called. The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

The Rev Robt L. Anderson of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The minutes of the last stated meeting & the Standing rules of Presbytery were read.

Members of Presy. present, who were appointed to visit vacant Churches & administer the Sacraments reported the fulfilment of said appointments.

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Rev S.C. Millen assigned satisfactory reason for absence from the last meeting of Presb.

The Rev M.L. Roby of N.C. Conference of the M.E. Ch. South, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

J.J. Bruner Treasurer

Ruling Elder J.J. Bruner was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

Com. & consider com. & rep. & p

A Com. consisting of Rev Messrs M.A. Wood, S.C. Pharr D.D. & E.E. McW. Johnston was appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of the Commissioner's Fund, & the assessment of Synod, & report during the meeting of Presb.

The Moderator announced the following Committees viz —

Coms by Mod.

On Bills & Overtures — Rev D.M. Gibbs & J.J. Bruner

Judicial Com. Rev J.A. Paxton & J.W. Spencer

On Statistics to Synod — Rev M.A. Penick & Rev J. Rumple

Minutes of Synod Asst. Rev J. Rumple & J.M. Graham

Devotional exercises — Rev J. Rumple & E.W. Faucette.

Rev E.T. Rockwell excused.

A letter was read from Rev E.T. Rockwell assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present Sessions of Presb.

The following report was read & accepted viz — 1871

"Davidson College June 15th.

Report of Trustees D. College

The Trustees of Davidson College in reporting to the Presbyteries the condition of the College under their care, beg leave to state that they find,

1st That 113 students have been in attendance upon its classes during the year now

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closing; that there has been a commendable & growing diligence among them in prosecuting their studies, & that the average standing in the classes has been good.

2nd During the year an important addition to corps of instructors has been realized in the entrance of Prof Martin upon the duties of his chair — the Chambers Professorship of Chemistry, Nat. History & Geology — & we learn from the report of the faculty that Prof Martin has more than met the high expectations which had been formed as to his efficiency as an instructor.

Report of Trustees D. College

3d A scientific course has been arranged leaving out the study of the languages, & those who prefer it may take that course & be graduated Bachelors of Science — There is in the College a very fine Cabinet of minerals & a good scientific apparatus for use & illustration by the Professors in the department of natural science, & it is in contemplation to make some valuable improvements in the apparatus during the ensuing year.

4th The general state of the buildings is good, some slight repairs will be needed.

5th The general health of the faculty & students has been good, but we report with profound sorrow the death of the excellent President of the College Rev D. McPhail D.D. who died during the commencement week

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6th The financial condition of the College will be seen from the Statement that we have on hand a little more than $85,000 in available funds & about $150,000 in real estate.

7th The religious & moral character of the Students has been very gratifying, more than half of them are members of the Ch. in full standing, & more than one fourth are candidates for the ministry. The deportment of the Students has been good.

Report of Trustees of Sc. College

8th In conclusion, we think, without boasting we may heartily commend the College, as well worthy the confidence of all our people as an institution in which the minds & hearts of the Students are cultivated & trained for valuable work in after life.

Respectfull submitted
(Signed) R.G. Gordan
J. Hall &
E. Mc. Hutchison.

E. Mc. Hutchison
Sec'y.

Charlotte July 20th 1871.

Rev J.H. Atkinson of Presb of Orange, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Concord Church Iredell, was chosen as the place, & Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in April 1872

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Time & place of next meeting

11 o'clock, A.m. as the time for holding the next Stated meeting of this Presbytery.

Rev J. Rankin & Ruling Elder J.M. Sparrow were appointed to prepare & present, at this meeting, a minute touching the death of Rev C.W. McPhail D.D; & to nominate a Com. to prepare a Sketch of his life & labors, to be presented at the next Stated meeting.

Com. to prepare a minute on death of C.W. McPhail D.D

Rev J. Rumple & R.E. J.R. Graham late commissioners to the Gen. Assembly, made their reports, which were accepted as satisfactory.

Commissioners reports.

The Agt of Foreign Missions made his report.

Rev S.A. Penick & R.E. J.S. Andrews were appointed to audit the account of the Agt of Foreign Missions up to last Stated meeting of Presby.

Said Com. reported that they had examined said account & found it correct.

J.S. Johnston appointed Agt. For. Missions

Rev J.S. Johnston was appointed Agt. of Foreign Missions, instead of Rev R.G. Kell resigned.

Auditing Com

A Committee consisting of Rev S.C. Caldwell & Ruling Elder Sl. B. Gaither & R. Culbertson was appointed to audit the accts of J.M. Horah late Treasurer of Sustentation.

Conversation on State of religion

It was made the first order of the day after recess, to hold a free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds.

Report & com to install J.B. Mack

The committee appointed to install Rev J.B. Mack as pastor of Rocky River Church reported that said duty had been performed

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at the time & place appointed.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical report which was received & ordered to be forwarded to Synod viz—

Statistical report of Concord Presbytery.

The Presby of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of 15 ministers & have under their care 32 Chs, one licentiate & 12 Candidates; that on the 22nd day of March 1871 they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev R.H. Caldwell & the churches of Bethany & Fifth Creek, & on the same day dismissed, at his own request the Rev R.H. Caldwell to connect himself with the Central Mississippi Presby; that on the 13th day of April they rec'd on certificate from Charleston Presbytery, the Rev J.B. Mack; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev E.H. Harding & the Church of Concord Town; that on the same day they dismissed, at his own request the Rev E.H. Harding to connect himself with the Presbytery of Orange; that on the 12th day of August they installed the Rev J.B. Mack pastor of Rocky River Church; that on the 28th day of June they lost by death Rev J.W. McPhail DD the worthy president of Davidson College; & that their next Stated meeting will be at Concord Church Cabarrus Co. on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in April 1872.

Respectfully submitted. Wm. Pharr Stated Clerk.

Statistical report to Synod.

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The following report on Systematic Benevolence was received & ordered to be forwarded to Synod viz—

Report on Systematic Benevolence to the Synod of North Carolina.

The Presby of Concord respectfully submits to the Synod of North Carolina the following report of their benevolent contributions for the year ending April 1st 1871.—

We have under our care 32 churches. Of these—

Report on Systematic Benevolence

4	contributed to Relief Fund	—	$81.
13.	" "	Education	— $1344.
23.	" "	Sustentation	— $818.
12.	" "	Publication	— $129.
14.	" "	For. Missions	— $360.
9.	" "	Miscellaneous	— $399.
		Total	— $3131

This Presby reports an increase of the total amount contributed to the above objects over last year of $1101. & a somewhat larger number of contributing Chs. A number of our Chs have adopted the plan of weekly subscriptions, & a few have adopted the plan of weekly payment as part of their Sabbath worship; the Chs adopting this last plan report encouraging increase in their contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Pharr Stated Clerk

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Relation of S.S. approved

On motion Presy. approved the relation of Stated Supply between the Chs of Concord & Taylorsville & New Prospect, Bradley; the Chs of Wilkesboro & New Hope, Hankins; the Chs of Mocksville & Tabor & New Union, McGibbs; & the Chs of Marion & Siloam & Rev D. M. Barton.

Messrs A. C. McIntosh & E. M. Stevenson ruling elders, were appointed to visit Salem Church, and Messrs Jno Watts & Jas Watts ruling elders in Concord Ch. to visit Shiloh Ch. & endeavor to adjust arrearages due Rev S. B. Millen for past services.

On motion Presy took recess until 2 o'clk p.m.

Com. to visit Salem & Shiloh & settle arrearages

After recess.

Presy met. The order of the day was taken up & the Presy held a pro conversation on the State of religion.

The Com. appointed to audit the accts of J. M. Dorah late Treasurer of Sustentation, reported that they find his accounts correct & no balance in his hands.

The committee appointed to consider the whole subject of the commissioner's Fund & Synodical assessment, reported that the sum $166. is still due by delinquent Chs. This report was accepted & the Treasurer of Presy was directed to collect said arrearages as soon as practicable.

Report of Com. to consider the subject of Comm Fund & Synodical assessments & collect arrears.

The Agt. appointed to settle with the administrators of Cyrus Fleming dec'd made a report which was rec'd & ordered to be recorded & is as follows Viz-

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Report the Agt. to settle with the administratrix of Cyrus Fleming deceased.

Your Agt. appointed to settle with the administratrix of the estate of Cyrus Fleming dec'd - to collect & forward to the Genl. Assembly's Comm. of Sustentation all moneys due said Comm. from said estate would report that he has given attention to this matter, but has accomplished little as yet by way of settlement, as the Administratrix has never made any settlement with Court, nor made any efforts until lately, to prepare to do so, although the dec'd died in the year 1866.

Report of Agt. to settle the estate of Cyrus Fleming

Your Agt. having had access to the papers belonging to the estate finds them in a confused condition, indicating some difficulty in making a proper settlement. Some of the notes have been changed & the original notes lost. Some moneys have been collected & paid out & no vouchers to show the facts. These inaccuracies & long delay in settling the estate have arisen chiefly from a want of council & a proper knowledge of such business. Your Agt. has examined the will of J. M. Fleming & finds that he has willed to the Committee of Domestic Missions of the Southern Presbyterian Ch. the one half of all his property, after the payment of his just debts to be paid over in the following order

1st The will directs that, all his debts, all moneys & notes due his estate be collected - his just debts be paid & the remainder to be Equally divided

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between the widow & the committee of Dom. Miss.
The widow to have the use of all his property
her life time.
2nd At the death of the widow it is his will that
all the property belonging to his estate shall be
sold at public sale & the proceeds equally
divided between the Com. of Dom. Miss & the
party or parties whom the widow may designate
in her will, & in case she leaves no will, it
is his will that it all go to the Com. of Dom. Miss.
Report of Ast. to settle the estate of Cyrus Fleming
Upon examination of the papers belonging to the
estate, your Ast. find, that the whole amount of
money & notes belonging to the estate is about
$1100 Eleven hundred dollars principal & interest.
about one thousand dollars of which is con-
sidered good, the balance doubtful. Some of
these notes to be paid in gold.
The whole amt. of debt against the estate, so
far as ascertained is about $450, leaving
about $225 due the Com. of Dom. Miss. or in
case all doubtful notes can be collected, there
will then be about $275 due the Com.
Some of these notes have been collected & a part
if not all the debts against the estate paid.
but there is no money on hands, at present,
for the Com, & no settlement made.
Your Ast. would further report there is belonging
to the estate about 200 acres of land with a good
dwelling house & out buildings worth probably about
12 or 15 hundred dollars, one half the proceeds

of which will be due the committee at the
death of the widow.
All which is respectfully submitted.
Nath Johnston, Ast.

Rep. Johnston continued &c.

It was further resolved that Mr Nath Johnston
be continued as the Presby's Ast to settle with said
estate, & that the Stated Clerk be directed to
procure a copy of Mr Flemings will & transmit
it to the Assembly's Com. of Sustentation.

Report of Com. on Life & Labors of A. D. Montgomery

The committee appointed to prepare a sketch
of the life & labors of Rev A. D. Montgomery dec'd
offered a report which was adopted & ordered to
be recorded in the Presby's Volume of Biographical
Sketches.

R. B. Anderson asked to Labor in Bds Presby.

Rev R. B. Anderson of the Presby. of Mecklenburg
presented a request for leave to labor within the
bounds of this Presbytery; - this request was granted.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet
tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock

The Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment
& was opened with prayer by the Mod.
The roll was called, & the minutes of yesterday
read & approved.

Rev S. N. Pound invited as Corresponding member

Rev S. N. Pound of the W. Ch. Conference of the
M. E. Ch. South, being present, was invited
to sit as a corresponding member.

A communication from Rev S. C. Millen was read & ordered to be referred to the Sustentation Committee.

The com. appointed thereto presented the following minute touching the death of Rev S. W. McPhail dec'd. which was accepted & adopted viz—

The com appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the death of Rev S. W. McPhail dec'd would present the following—

Minute on the death of Rev S. W. McPhail

Again we are called in the sad providence of God to record our sense of bereavement in the death of a beloved member of our body. God is a righteous & gracious Sovereign, & as such we would bow with unmurmuring submission to this manifestation of his will. We would express our feelings in the following Resolutions—

1st Resolved That in the death of Rev S. Wilson McPhail dec'd the Cause of religion & of education, & especially the institution over which he presided with so much ability, have suffered a great loss, & a void is thus produced which it will be hard to fill.

Resolved 2nd That this Presbytery & the church the loss of his lovely christian spirit & his wise counsels as we were wont to enjoy them in our meetings as a judicatory.

Resolved 3rd That we tender our sympathies to his widow & children & to all his relations

in their painful bereavement; & invoke the care & kind providence of his & their heavenly father over them.

Wm. Shaw & Prof. Blake to prepare a Biographical Sketch.

The com would further nominate the Rev Wm. Shaw & Prof J. M. Blake to prepare a biographical Sketch of his life & labors to be presented at next stated meeting.

Com { J. Rankin & J. W. Sparrow

Minis. reports.

Whereupon there proceeded to hear reports from their missionary Rev D. Sc. Beall & other brethren appointed to spend a month each, missionating in the mountain field.

Reports of Miss. labor.

The Rev D. Sc. Beall made a report as to labors performed, & the prospects of the field; which was followed by a written report by Rev Wm. Shaw which was ordered to be placed on file.

Rev Messrs S. A. Penick, W. A. Wood & S. C. Shaw dec'd, for reasons assigned, were excused for the non-performance of said duty.

Rev J. Rankin then offered the following resolutions which were adopted viz—

Resolutions in regard to Mt. field

Resolved 1st That Presby. has heard with pleasure the reports of our missionary & the brethren who have visited our mountain field, & that we are thereby encouraged to continue our efforts in that interesting region.

Miss. to organize Churches

Resolved 2nd That the Rev D. Sc. Beall be authorized to organize a Church in Watauga Co. & at such other points in this field as may be open, at such

time as the way may be clear.

Resolved 3d. That the members of Presbty. be invited to subscribe for themselves or their Chs. the sum of $5. or other sum, for the erection of a building on Lane branch for religious & educational purposes, & that Chs. not here represented be also invited to do the same.

Resolved 4th. That the Rev D. S. Brandt be directed to select a place for one or more schools in the Mountain field, & that our ministers & Church Sessions be urged to secure contributions for the establishment & endowment of these schools - said schools, & the funds collected to be under the control of our Educational Committee.

Resolved 5th. That three Trustees of Presby. be appointed to secure & hold the title of property for religious & educational purposes, not otherwise provided for, in our bounds, & receive & disburse the funds for said purposes, & that Rev D. S. Brandt E. M. Jarrett & Dr R. S. Bond, be said Trustees.

It was further resolved, That the thanks of this Presby. are due & hereby tendered to Col S. S. McBride for the donation to this Presby. of a lot of land on Lane branch for religious & educational purposes.

Rev S. C. Shannonhouse & J. W. Sparrow were appointed to assign trial pieces to Mr J. J. Allison candidate.

The Com. on the minutes of the Genl. Assby. presented a report which was received,

Resolutions in regard to Mt field.

D. S. Brandt E. M. Jarrett & Dr R. S. Bond Trustees.

Thanks to S. S. McBride for lot of land.

& read, then took recess until 2½ o'clock P. M.

After recess, Presbytery met.

The Com. to assign subjects for trial pieces to Mr J. J. Allison, reported, recommending the following:-

1. Latin exegesis - Our Christus ascendit.?
2. Critical exercise - 1 Pet. 3: 18-21.
3. Lecture - - Matt. 13: 24-30
4. Popular Sermon - Acts 17: 30.

This report was rec'd & adopted.

Trial pieces for J. J. Allison

The Presby. then took up the report of the Committee on the minutes of the Genl. Assembly, which was adopted, seriatim, & is as follows:

Report of Com. on Minutes Genl. Assby.

The Com. appointed to examine the minutes of the Genl. Assembly, would respectfully report that there are many matters therein claiming the attention of our ministers & Churches. Of these we can only call attention to the most prominent, leaving the others to the discretion of the Churches & Sessions.-

1. On page 13 - we call attention to resolutions 2. 3. 4. & 6. On Foreign Missions - & recommend that we endeavor to raise 50 cts for each communicant for this cause - that the monthly concert of prayer be observed, & that the children in our Sabb. schools be encouraged to contribute to this cause, & that we recommend the Foreign Missionary paper to our people.

Foreign

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2. That we cordially endorse Resolutions 1. 2. 3. & 4. on Systematic Benevolence, found on pp 20 & 21, earnestly enjoining upon all the Presbyteries—

1. "That they require from all their Chs full Statistical reports of what they have done during the ecclesiastical year for the various objects of general benevolence, to be sent up to their Spring Meetings—&

2. That all our Presbyteries be earnestly recommended & enjoined to give, at their next Stated meetings, earnest attention & a thorough examination to the vital subject of Systematic Benevolence in all its bearings

3. That the Presbyteries earnestly recommend all their respective pastors, Stated supplies, & Missionaries, to give frequent instructions to their respective Chs as to their duty in this matter. &

4. That the Presbyteries earnestly recommend & solemnly enjoin upon all their Ch. Sessions to afford to the people in every congregation an opportunity to contribute to each & all of the objects for which collections are ordered by the Genl. Assy;"

And that we will inquire at our next Spring Sessions whether Sessions have complied with Res 4. & the names of Churches those who have failed for insufficient causes.

3. We call especial attention to the direction on p 22. concerning the provision of a home for Miss Dasler, & reiterate the injunction:—

"That each minister in our Church be directed to present this important subject, & endeavor to

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enlist the female members of their respective congregations. so that the amount (viz 5,000) if possible, may be raised by the 1st of Oct."

4. We call attention to Res. 1. 4 & 5 on Education on p 25.— viz "Resolved, 1st That the Executive Com. be instructed to adhere to the principle of aid in the contributions they make for the support of Students; & that the maximum of said contributions, except in special cases, be $200 to students in Theological Seminaries & $175— to students in Colleges.

4th That it be, & hereby is urged upon all the Presbyteries, that they use proper efforts to raise funds, in aid of Education; & it is recommended that they forward all the money that is raised to the Assy's Committee."

We direct our com. on Education to adopt the 1st Res. as its rule; & recommend to our Churches the observance of the 11th Thursday of Feb 1872, as required in Res 5. "as a day of special prayer in behalf of all the youth of our land in course of literary training, & especially that God would call many of the sons of the Ch. to dedicate themselves to his service in the ministry of the gospel; & that he would baptize the Ch. with a spirit of liberality to this cause."

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5. That we urge upon our ministers & sessions compliance with Res. 1—6. p 27. On Sabbath Schools, viz— 1. That the Sabb. Schools of our Chs be always conducted under the supervision & control of the pastor & Session, as a part of the Ch. organization & that they are its spiritual nurseries.

Sabb. Schools

2. That all the Presbyteries be enjoined to urge greater fidelity upon the part of pastors to preach to the children of their respective charges.

3. That Collections be taken up in Sab. Schools for all the benevolent schemes of the Ch, on such days as are ordered by the Synods, to the end that the children may have their minds trained to sustain those great objects of the Church's aggressive work.

Minutes Genl Assy 4. That the following questions be added to the blanks furnished Churches & Presbyteries to make their reports for the purpose of gathering more information about the management & conduct of the School;

a Is your School under the control & supervision of the Pastor & Session?

b Do your pastor & Elders attend upon the services of the Sab. School & does your pastor preach regularly to the children of the Sab. School?

c Are the Confession of Faith, Catechisms & Form of Church Government taught in every school?

d Are the Children's Friend & Earnest Worker taken in all your Schools?

5. That all the Presbyteries be enjoined to take such action as will secure full & satisfactory reports from all their Chs

6. That the Chs as far as possible engage in Miss. Schools."

And that we call attention to the Assembly's

definition of Sessional control of Sabb schools on p 28-viz, that it means 'that the Ch Session shall select the superintendent, who shall nominate, with their approbation, the teachers, ordain the methods of instruction, & direct the selection of books."

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6. We invite the attention of our Church Sessions to the able paper on pp 30, 31 & 32, on Valid Baptism in wh are given the reasons why our Ch does not recognize Romish, Unitarian or Campbellite baptism as valid.

Valid Baptism

7. On pp 32, 33 - The Assembly instructs the Presbyteries to bring the duty of infant baptism before the minds of our people, & to inquire, to what extent parents in our Ch neglect this duty;

Infant Baptism

In compliance with said resolution we recommend that the Pres. inquire at its next Spring Sessions of all our ministers & Elders representing Chs, concerning this matter, & that a report, in accordance with the facts then developed, be sent up to the next Genl Assy;

8. On p 33. it is recorded that Concord Pres is assessed $30. for the use of the Genl Assy, on

Assessed Pres. Concord $30.

9. On pp 34, 35. the following resolutions claim our serious attention viz:— Resolutions 1–6.

Sustentation

In compliance with resolution 1st we recommend that it be made the order of the day for 11, O'Clk today to pray & consult on the Sustentation Cause - that the Moderator lead the Presby in prayer, & that all Ch Clerks read the 5th

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annual report on Institutions & that the Chairman of Com. read the list of contributions to this cause for this year & that opportunity be given for discussion of ways & means to promote the cause among us.

Commissions of Ministers & Elders.

In compliance with the 2nd Res, we recommend that the Presbs. appoint commissions of ministers & ruling elders to visit all our Churches & stimulate them to renewed zeal on this subject. Said visitations to be made during the month of Jan. 1872.

Evangelistic plan of labor

In compliance with the 3d Res. we recommend that our Exec. Committee be directed to arrange a plan of Evangelistic & missionary labor for 1872, similar to that of 1871, of one months duration, & that said plan shall be prepared & sent out to all our ministers in January next, & & that said plan shall be in force from & after its circulation. Furthermore, the Stated Clerk shall forward said plan & this Resolution to the next Genl. Assembly.

Stated Clerk report &c

9. On p. 36. Res. 1st We are reminded that it is our duty to report to the Genl. Assembly on the matter of an Evangelist.

Evangelist. Report to Genl Assy.

We recommend that this Presby. report to the Genl. Assy. that we are endeavoring to discharge the duties required of an Evangelist by means of a general missionary, & by voluntary labor- that we have tried the experiment of an Evangelist, & that the Churches have failed

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to enable us to support him without painful embarrassment.

Collection for Miss. &c.

We further recommend that a collection be taken up for supplementing the salary of our missionary on the first Sath of Nov next or as near thereto as may be convenient & that the amounts so raised be sent at once to our Presbyterial Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted
Com { J. Rumple
J. M. Graham.

Presbytery then took recess until 2½ o'clock p.m.

After recess. Pres. met.

The Judicial Com. reported that no business had come into their hands, & were discharged.

The following narative on the State of religion within our bounds was rec'd & ordered to be forwarded to Synod: viz

The Narative.

Narative

The Com. appointed to prepare a narative of the State of religion within our bounds, beg leave to offer the following—

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully submit to the Synod of North Carolina the following report on the State of religion within our bounds.

There has been no wide spread religious interest in our Churches during the past year. It is with profound regret that we can tell

of no deep religious awakening, or precious seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. On the other hand there comes from some of our Churches sad complaints of coldness & in some of our borders even mournful signs of languishing. Some of our churches have been without the regular ministrations of the word, & while in some of these vacant Chs. Sabt. Schools & prayer meetings are maintained; still as a general thing these Chs. are loosing in material strength & declining in spiritual life.

Narative

And so 14 ministers (except one who is disabled from declining health) are actively engaged, & with commendable zeal, in the special duties of their high calling, & with perhaps one or two exceptions, are devoting themselves entirely to the work of the ministry. And the blessing of the Lord has in some measure attended their labors. Our Churches generally report some additions to their membership & an increase in the number attending on the means of grace. There seems to be a growing interest in the religious instruction of the children & youth. Nearly all our Chs. have Sabt. Schools & Bible Classes, which are generally represented as in a more flourishing condition than formerly. With reference to the grace of giving which is perhaps the surest criterion of spiritual life, we report that only a small number of our Churches have any regular system of benevolence. Many of them

fail to contribute to all the Assembly's Committees. But while our Churches have by no means attained to the scriptural Standard of benevolence, still all our Churches report contributions of larger or smaller amounts, & more of our Churches are adopting the system of weekly subscription, or of actual weekly collections, with very encouraging results. So we hope that our Churches are steadily growing in the grace of giving.

Narative

In conclusion we confess with pain that, with the exception of a Church here & there, the piety of our people is not of such a character as to make it marked & decided.

In some places there is much coldness & a great want of interest in the prosperity of Zion. We therefore unite in humbly asking Almighty God to pour out his Spirit upon all our churches in awakening sinners & building up his people.

Respectfully Submitted.

Com { W. A. Penick / W. J. S. Ramsay

The Com. on Bills & Overtures reported that no business had come into their hands; & were accordingly discharged.

Stated Clks Acct.

The Stated Clerk presented his acct amounting to $60.40; which the Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay.

Commissions to visit Ch's.

The following arrangement for the visitation of our churches by commissions of ministers & Ruling Elders in compliance with the order of the Genl. Assembly was made, viz:-

Churches	Ministers	To visit Elders
Rocky River Ch.	S. A. Penick & M. H. Johnston	
Poplar Tent.	Wm. W. Phare & Hall, Johnston	
Concord Town	J. B. Mack & J. C. Wilson	
Bethphage	S. A. Penick & W. S. Harris	
Centre	N. A. Wood & E. B. Stimson	
Bethel	Wm. W. Phare & D. M. Sparrow	
Salisbury	S. C. Phare DD & J. W. Graham	
Thyatira	J. Rumple & J. J. Brumer	
Franklin	" " & J. J. Summerell	
Back Creek	S. C. Phare DD & N. F. Hall	
Prospect	B. Le. Beall & E. McNeely.	
Third Creek	S. M. Gibbs & J. A. Foard	
Trinity.	W. A. Wood & J. G. Ramsay	
Mocksville	E. F. Rockwell & R. Culbertson	
Tabor	Robt Bradley & J. Alexander	
Fifth Creek.	S. M. Gibbs & John E. Wooten	
Bethany	W. A. Wood & J. Bell	
Fourth Creek	Wm. W. Phare & Robt McPherson	
Bethesda	Robt. Bradley & A. Morrison	
Concord	E. F. Rockwell & S. Bowman	
Shiloh	D. P. Johnston & Jno. Watts	
Taylorsville	J. Rankin & B. Le. Beall	
Salem	" " " "	
Millsboro	B. Le. Beall & E. W. Fancette	

Senoir J. B. Mack & A. C. McIntosh
Morganton D. A. Paxton & Jas. B. Rankin
Newton J. Rumple & E. W. Fancette
Marion D. P. Johnston & W. A. Bowman
Siloam S. M. Gibbs & J. B. Rankin
Zionsville D. A. Paxton & J. W. Brumley

These visitations to be made & Jan 1872.

Vote of thanks

On motion the usual vote of thanks was tendered to Citizens for kindness & hospitality. To the Methodist for the use of their Church & to the Western Extension Rail Road for conveyance of members of Synod at reduced rates of fair.

adjourned.

It was resolved. That when Synod adjourns, we adjourn to meet during the sessions of Synod to be held in Fayetteville, at the call of the Moderator.

The minutes of today were read & approved. Closed with singing, prayer & apostolic benediction.

D. P. Johnston, Mod.
B. Le. Beall & E. W. Fancette } Clerks

Wm. W. Phare
Stated Clerk

Approved as far as written
Fayetteville N.C.
Oct. 18th, 1871

J. P. McPherson
Moderator of Synod

Ajourned meeting.

Fayetteville
Oct 11th 1871.

The Presbytery of Concord met at the call of the Mod, Rev D. P. Johnston & was opened with prayer by the Same.

The roll was made out & the following ministers & Ruling Elders were present viz—

Ministers. Rev Messrs. D. P. Johnston, B. L. Beall, J. Rumple, D. A. Penick, W. A. Wood & J. B. Mack.

Ruling Elders. N. F. Hall representing Hyatts J. H. Shuler, Marion, J. E. Foston Third Creek, E. A. McNeely Centre, & D. H. Robinson from Fayetteville.

There being no business, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Concord Church Iredell Co, on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in April 1872, & closed with prayer.

J. Rumple
Temp. Clerk.

Wm. M. Shaw
Stated Clerk.

Concord Church Iredell Co

Stated Meeting.

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The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment & was opened with a Sermon by the retiring Mod, Rev D. F. Johnston from Acts 20: 23. 24. "Bonds & afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, & the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

The roll was made out & the following ministers & ruling elders were present viz-

Ministers	Churches	Elders
Jesse Rankin	Rocky River	W. S. White
Thos D. Johnston	Concord Town	J. G. Allison
E. F. Rockwell	College Ch.	Maj J. R. Blake
T. N. Paxton	Bethel	Dr J. B. Alexander
G. A. Gibbs	Salisbury	J. S. McCubbins
S. C. Millen	Back Creek	Moses Tingle
S. C. Pharr & Son	Prospect	J. S. Beaty
B. L. Beall	Unity	J. C. Foard
J. Rumple	Mocksville	Thos Brown
N. A. Penick	Fifth Creek	J. M. Cook
Wm W. Pharr	Bethany	C. M. Smith
Robt. Bradley	Fourth Creek	J. W. Hill
W. A. Wood &	Bethesda	Eli McNeely
J. B. Mack.	Concord	Wm Morrison
	Third Creek	M. L. Stitt

Ministers	Churches	Elders
	Taylorsville	A. C. McIntosh
	Salem	E. McClellan
	Lenoir	Jas. Harper
	Newton	W. J. Lowrance.

Absent ruling Elder pom - Poplar Tent Bethphage, Thyatira, Franklin, Third Creek, Tabor, Shiloh, Hillsboro, Jefferson, Morganton, Louisville Marion & Siloam.

Mod. & Clerks

Rev J. B. Mack was elected Mod. & Revs D. L. Beall & R. J. H. Hill Temporary Clerks

Dr Brown & McKinnon invited as corresponding members.

Rev Wm Brown D.D. of East Hanover Presbty, & Rev D. McKinnon of Wilmington Presbty, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion Presbty took a recess for one hour,

After recess.

Minutes read

Presbty met. The minutes of last stated meeting at Lenoir & of an adjourned meeting at Fayetteville were read.

W. D. Steele ruling Elder pom Third Creek appeared in Presbty & took his seat.

Dr McKinnon read on Certificate & examination

A certificate of dismissal of Rev D. McKinnon from Wilmington Presbty was read, whereupon he was examined on Experimental Religion & Theology, & on motion was received as a member of Concord Presbty.

Dr Wm Brown, having by invitation addressed the Presbty on the subject of

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Dr Brown's address

combining the North Carolina Presbyterian & the Central Presbyterian; a com, consisting of Rev J. Rumple, Rev D. McKinnon & ruling Elder J. H. Hill was appointed to present a report on this subject on tomorrow.

Com, on the subject of N. C. Pres. & Central Pres.

Mr J. S. McCubbins was appointed Treasr of Presby. pro. tem.

Rev J. B. Mack assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from the last stated meeting of this body.

Chs & vacancies

The Churches Rocky River, Bethphage & Centre, Bethel, Back Creek, Mocksville, Bethany & Fourth Creek assigned satisfactory reasons for not having been represented at last stated meeting.

Coms of Ministers & Elders to visit Chs, Report.

The Reports of Commissions of ministers & Elders appointed to visit the Churches on the subject of Sustentation, was heard in part, when on motion, this matter was made the first order of the day on tomorrow.

Coms to examine candidates.

On motion the Presbty's committee on Languages, Philosophy & Mathematics were directed to examine Messrs Wm H. Davis, jno. H. Rosebro, & B. G. Clifford on these departments of study to night, preparatory to licensure.

On Philosophy

Revs D. McKinnon & J. B. Mack were added to the Standing com, on Philosophy.

Mod's com's

The Mod, announced the following com's

On Bills & Overtures - T. H. Johnston, D. D. Penick & J. Hill.

Judicial com, Revs J. Rankin, J. Rumple & J. H. Wilson

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Minutes of Synod - Rev B. L. Beall & R. E. A. C. McIntosh.

Narrative - Revs D. W. Patton, S. C. Millen & E. E. W. S. White.

Systematic Benevolence - Rev W. M. Wood, & E. Jas. Harper & J. C. Foard.

Davidson College - Rev Wm. W. Pharr, J. Rankin & Jos J. B. Alexander.

Sabbath Schools - Revs S. C. Pharr Sen. E. F. Rockwell & E. J. S. Beaty.

On Sustentation - Revs G. M. Gibbs, D. P. Johnston & E. A. C. McIntosh.

Devotional Exercises - Rev Robt. Bradley & E. Wm. Morrison.

On Sessional Records.

Rocky River, Poplar Tent, Concord Town, Bethphage & Centre - Rev G. M. Gibbs & Moses Temple.

College Church, Bethel, Salisbury, Hyattian & Franklin - Rev S. A. Fenick & Thos Brown.

Back Creek, Prospect, Third Creek & Unity - Rev Robt. Bradley & J. M. Cook.

Mocksville, Tabor, 5th Creek & Bethany - Rev S. C. Pharr Sen & E. McSteely.

Fourth Creek, Bethesda, Concord & Shiloh Rev G. McKinnon & Jas Harper.

Taylorsville, Salem, Wilkesboro, Jefferson & Jenoir - Rev D. P. Johnston & W. J. Yorance.

Newton, Mayesville, Zionville, Marion & Siloam - Rev J. Rumple & C. A. Smith.

Comms announced by Mod.

Comms of ministers & Elders & visit to Ch's Report,

Report of Com to examine candidates

Order of Thurs'y suspended to hear Trial Sermons

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On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 9. o'clk. A. M.

Closed with prayer.

Friday 9. o'clk. 16th

Presbytery met, & was opened with prayer. The roll was called, & minutes of Yesterday read & approved.

Hearing reports of commissions of Ministers & Elders appointed to visit churches was resumed from which it appeared that these appointments had, for the most part, been fulfilled.

The following report touching the examination of candidates was made & adopted viz -

The committee appointed to examine the candidates viz - Messrs Wm H. Davis, B. G. Clifford & John W. Rosebro, beg leave to report that they have examined the same on the Hebrew, Latin & Greek languages; and on Philosophy viz Natural, Mental & Moral, Mathematics & Theology, & recommend that this examination be sustained as parts of trial.

E. F. Rockwell, Chm.

On motion the order of the day at 11. o'clk, viz - the report of the Com. of Sustentation was suspended, & it was made the order of to-day at 11. o'clk to hear the trial Sermon of Wm H. Davis, & that of B. G. Clifford at 2 o'clk P.M. and also the order of the day on tomorrow to hear the trial Sermon of John W. Rosebro, immediately after

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hearing the report on Education. and that of R. M. Tuttle at 2 o'clk P.M.

Sessional & Sab. School report read &c.

Statistical reports & narratives on the State of religion in the Churches were read & Sabbath School reports handed in to the com. on Sabb. Schools.

Com on the narratives & report on Sessional narratives.

On motion it was made the duty of the com. on the narratives to report as to the fulness & completeness of the Sessional Statistical reports & report the exceptions.

Prof. J. R. Blake, ruling Elder from College Ch, appeared in Presbytery, and assigned satisfactory excuse for tardiness

Presbytery took a recess for five minutes.

After recess,

Wm H. Davis trial sermon

Presbytery met, & heard the trial sermon of Wm H. Davis, Rev R. B. Anderson of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. Moore of the Baptist Ch, & Rev W. B. Presly of the Associate Reformed Ch, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members

Corresponding members invited &c.

C. W. Robinson introduced as candidate

Charles W. Robinson member of Poplar Tent Ch, was introduced to Presbytery with a view to being taken under the care of this Pres, as a candidate for the gospel ministry - whereupon it was made the first order of the day after recess to examine him.

The com. to report on the subject of combining the N. C. & Central Presbyterian papers presented the following, which was adopted viz -

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Com. on combining the N. C. & Central P. report.

The com. appointed to consider & report upon the proposition to combine the N. C. Presbyterian with the Central, beg leave to present the following viz - This Presbytery has ever cherished & prized the N. C. Presbyterian as an important agent of usefulness in our Churches, & as peculiarly acceptable to our people because of its publication in the bounds of the Synod & by a member thereof. And we are persuaded that the first choice of our people is to retain the paper within our bounds. Still, if it should appear that there are insurmountable obstacles in the way of maintaining said paper as heretofore, & since the consolidation of the two papers would furnish peculiar facilities for its permanent maintenance & improvement as a power for good in the Church; this Presbytery will cordially concur in the scheme proposed, and will encourage its circulation among our people as widely as possible.

J. Rumple
T. McKinnon
G. W. Bell
Com.

Presbytery took a recess for one hour.

After recess.

Charles W. Robinson received as a Candidate

Presbytery met. C. W. Robinson was examined as to his acquaintance with experimental religion, & his motives for seeking the gospel ministry. His examination being sustained, he was received as a beneficiary candidate under the care of this Presbytery.

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Leave of absence was granted to J. S. McC, Church & Dr. J. B. Alexander.

The com. to examine the Sessional Records of Bethel ch, made a report which was accepted & adopted.

It was made the first order of the day for tomorrow morning, to hear the report of the com. of Substitution.

Call from Concord Ch for Jo. McKinnon & accepted &c

A call from the church of Concord Town for the pastoral services of Rev Jo. McKinnon, promising him, for the whole of his time "One thousand dollars in regular quarterly payments in advance" was read & on motion was placed in his hands. Mr McKinnon having signified his acceptance of this call, ruling Elder J. J. Allison was appointed to arrange for his installation.

Request from Newton for services of R. B. Anderson

A request from the church of Newton to employ the ministerial services of Rev R. B. Anderson member of Mecklenburg Presbytery for the term of 12 months from Aug. 1st 1871 to Aug 1st 1872 promising him, for the one fourth of his time, the sum of two hundred dollars in yearly installments, ~~as follows~~, & being made out according to the Presbytery's prescribed form, was granted.

Request from Trustees of Davidson College Stated Clerk

In compliance with the request of the Trustees of Davidson College the Stated Clerk was directed to send annually (after the meeting of this body at which Trustees are elected) to the Secretary of said Board, a list of the names of the persons so elected & terms for which they are elected Trustees of said College.

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Treasurer to pay Synodical assessment.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay the Synodical assessment on this Presbytery for 1871, amounting to $37.50.

Delinquent Ch.s urged to pay assess.t on com.s Fund

The delinquent Ch.s were on motion enjoined & urged to make immediate payment of their indebtedness to the Commissioners Fund.

Trial Sermon of B. G. Clifford

Presbytery then heard the trial Sermon of B. G. Clifford.

Leave of absence to Rev. S. C. Pharr

Leave of absence from the remaining ~~session~~ of this afternoon, was granted to Rev S. C. Pharr

Com. to install J. McKinnon

The com. to arrange for the installation of Rev J. McKinnon as pastor of the Church of Concord Town, reported, recommending that the installation take place on Wednesday May 1st and that Rev J. Rumple, with Rev W. A. Wood alternate preside & preach the Sermon; Rev J. B. Mack with Rev Wm. C. Pharr alternate deliver the charge to the Congregation, & Rev J. A. French, with Rev S. C. Pharr D.D. alternate, deliver the charge to the pastor.

Com. to examine Mr Tuttle.

The com.s to examine Candidates on the Classics, Hebrew, Philosophy & Mathematics, was directed to examine R. M. Tuttle on the same & report.

Report on Sessional records.

The com. to examine the Sessional Records of Salem, Denver, Millersburg & Taylorsville Chs made a report, wh. was amended, adopted & the exceptions ordered to be recorded on the respective books.

Permission was granted Rev Ed. F. Rockwell & the churches of Bethany, Fifth Creek & Bethesda

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E. F. Rockwell & Elds of 1st Ch Bethany & Bethesda Ch.

to form the relation of Stated Supply, with the understanding that previously to next Fall meeting of this body, those Churches & minister comply with the requisitions of Presbytery, touching the relation of Stated Supply.

Reading of Sessional Reports &c.

The reading of Sessional Statistical reports & narratives of the State of religion in the Chs was resumed, pending which Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning @ 9 o'clk.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday 20th @ 9 o'clk, A.M.

Presbytery met, & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called, & the minutes of yesterday read & approved. The order of the day was suspended, & the hearing of Sessional reports & narratives on the State of religion in our Chs resumed.

Narratives & Sessional Reports.

Report of Com. on Sab. Schools.

The report of the Com. on Sab. Schools were heard & adopted, & the Statistical report thereof ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

Latin exegesis & Candidates &c.

On motion the Latin exegesis of Wm. W. Davis & B. G. Clifford, pros. Wm. Rosebro. & R. M. Tuttle were placed in the hands of the Com. on Exercises for examination & report.

Presbytery took a recess for five minutes.

J. W. Rosebro trial sermon

After recess, the trial sermon Jno. W. Rosebro was heard.

The committee to visit Salem Church

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Report of Com. to visit Salem Ch.

and arrange as to arrearages, made the following report which was rec'd & approved. viz-

The undersigned, under an appointment of the Presbytery to visit Salem Church, & present to them the matter of arrearages claimed to be due from that Congregation to Rev'd S. C. Millen, have discharged that duty, & report that they were informed by the officers of that Church that they would bring the matter before that Congregation & be prepared to report through their elder to this meeting of Presbytery on that matter.

Com. { A. C. McIntosh
E. M. Stevenson

Com. on Salem Ch.

The paper from Salem Church touching the same subject was refered to a com. consisting of Rev'dMessrs J. Renkin, J. Rumple & Ruling Elder J. T. Allison.

Com. to audit Treasurer's acts.

A Com. consisting of Prof. J. R. Blake & J. E. Hill was appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery.

On motion Presbytery took a recess for one hour.

After recess.

Leave of absence.

Presbytery met. Leave of absence after to-day's session, was granted to Rev'd E. F. Rockwell, S. McKinnon, Wm. W. Shaw, & Ruling Elders - J. W. Cooke, W. L. Steele, & J. T. Allison.

Report & Com. of Sustentation

The committee of Sustentation made a report which was accepted, & referred, together with their records, to a Special Com. consisting of Rev'dMessrs T. M. Gibbs, D. N. Payton & R. E. A. C. McIntosh

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R. M. Tuttle trial Sermon

Presbytery met & heard the trial Sermon of R. M. Tuttle.

Leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted Rev J. Rumple for the remainder of this afternoon

Report on Sec. Records

The com. so appointed, reported on the records of Tabor, Fifth Creek, Bethany & Mocksville; which report was adopted,

Leave of absence

Leave of absence for the remainder of this afternoon's sessions was granted to Rev Messrs S. McSimmon, W. A. Wood, & R. E. G. T. Allison

Comm'rs to the Gen. Assly

Rev W. W. Phair as principal with Rev W. A. Wood alternate; and ruling Elder A. C. McIntosh as principal with Mr R. L. Beall as alternate, were elected commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly to meet at Richmond Va,

Place & time of next meeting

Trenton was chosen as the place, & Thursday before the 4th Sab. in September 12, o'clock, M. as the time for holding the next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

Leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted to Rev S. A. Penick for the remainder of this afternoons sessions.

Report of Com. on Sec. Records

The com. appointed to examine the records of Rocky River, Poplar Tent, Bethphage & Centre, made a report wh. was amended & adopted,

Report of Com. on Treasurer's accts

The com. to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery, presented a report which was rec'd & placed upon the docket.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay to the endowment Fund, the money now

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Treasurer to pay to Publication

in his hands for the Committee of Publication.

The com. appointed to examine the records of Concord, Bethesda, & Fourth Creek, made a report wh. was accepted & adopted.

Asst. to settle Estate of G. Fleming instructed &c

On motion, the Agent appointed by Presbytery to settle with the Administratrix of the Estate of Cyrus Fleming dec'd was directed to pay to the President of the Board of Trustees of the Genl. Assembly any funds that may come into his hands from said Estate, for the cause of Sustentation.

Overture from Mocksville answered.

The com. on Bills & Overtures presented the following Overture from the Session of Mocksville recommending that it be answered in the affirmative, viz - A Deacon removes from a congregation & gives notice that he desires them to fill his place by the election of another Deacon, who is elected, but neither accept. The former Deacon returns in less than one year;

Question. Is he still a Deacon in the Church, & bound to discharge the duties of said office?

Com. to prepare a biographical sketch of the late G. W. McPhail M.D. dec'd

The com. appointed to prepare a biographical sketch of the life & labors of Rev G. W. McPhail M.D. dec'd was continued.

E. F. R. Time extended for Hist. of Centre

A longer time was granted to Rev E. F. Rockwell for preparing a historical sketch of Centre Church.

Infant Bapt. Ch's answered

The Churches were called upon to answer as to what extent infant baptism is neglected by the parents in our churches: from which it appeared that this duty is generally attended to

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The com. appointed to nominate Trustees of Davidson College presented the following which was recd & adopted viz-

Trustees of D. College.

The com. appointed to nominate Trustees of Davidson College would recommend the following viz- Rev W. A. Wood
W. S. Harris
A. C. McIntosh.

to serve 4 years.

And Rev Le. McKinnon in place of Dr J. W. McPhail, to serve 2 years.

Com. | W. W. Flinn
J. Rankin
Dr J. B. Alexander

Leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted to E. E. McClellan after today's sessions.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet on Monday morning 9 o'clk. a.m.

Closed with prayer.

Monday 22nd 9. o'clk. a.m.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of Saturday's sessions were read & approved.

Report of Com. on Education

The Com. on Education presented the following report which was rec'd & approved- viz-

Your Com. on Education report, that there are 12 twelve candidates for the ministry now under the care of this Presbytery. Of these the following have

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been pursuing their studies with commendable zeal at the Union Theological Seminary Va, to wit-

Names	Churches	Stage of progress
Romulus M. Tuttle.	Lenoir.	Senior class.
Branch G. Clifford.	Salisbury	Middle "
W. H. Davis.	" "	Senior "
Jno. Wright Davis.	" "	Middle "
Thos. J. Allison.	College Ch.	Junior "
Jno. W. Rosebro.	Fourth Creek.	Middle "

Report of Com. on Education

Some of these brethren will probably be present seeking licensure at your present sessions.

The following candidates are pursuing their Accademic course & are in the Sophomore class at Davidson College viz

Linke B. Julian. Salisbury church.
James Alston Ramsay " "
Robt. Arbuthnot Stinson Fourth Creek.

We are glad to report these young men as sustaining a high character, both for diligence in study, & christian deportment.

One of our candidates Edmonston Franklin. Reinhardt of Mo. We have not heard from for more than a year. We have written to him, but suppose our letters were not rec'd, as no answer has come to hand. The only information we have concerning him is, that he recently procured a transfer of his membership from College Ch. to some Ch. in Mo.

Jno. C. Dowell, who had passed through the Freshman class at D. College, left College last Fall, & has been

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Engaged in teaching in the bounds of Smith congregation, We adopted this course without coperence with the com, but from good motives, wishing thereby to procure funds for the prosecution of his studies: & thus for a while at least, relieve the com, of his support Our other candidate G. Rice Rankin, a graduate of N. College is at his home in Lenoir, & feels compelled for reasons satisfactory to his own mind to give up the ministry, & asks Presbty to erase his name from the list of candidates. He assures us that he will make every effort to refund the money wh, Presby. has appropriated to his assistance. We deem it proper to state here, that if any of the funds of Education have been appropriated to Mr Rankin, it was without your authority, as he is not represented on your list of beneficiaries. The com, recommend that his request be granted,

Report of Com, Education

The beneficiaries of Pres, are R. G. Clifford, who has not called on the com, for aid, but has been studying through his counsel, with some assistance from the Salisbury Ch. Jno. C. Powell who has been teaching to raise money, & therefore has rec'd nothing from the com, Prof. L. Stimson, who has rec'd nothing save the advantage of getting his tuition free, on the score of his being a beneficiary of Pres, and R. M. Tuttle who has rec'd $150.

In addition to this the com, assumed the responsibility of aiding Josiah P. Julian to the amount of $30. We ascertained that this amount was absolutely necessary to enable him to remain at College

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this term, We now ask the Presbty to sanction this action of the com,

It will be seen from this statement, that the whole amount of aid, to our beneficiaries is $180,

It is proper to state too that something has been done for this cause in a private way - As for instance, by Salisbury & Poplar Tent, in aiding individual members of these Chs - & by Rocky River in finding supplies for the young brethren at N. College.

Report of Com, Education

You are aware that at your Sessions at Salisbury in April 1871, you resolved, that instead of acting through the Assembly's Com, at Richmond, you would take entire controll of your beneficiaries & all funds contributed by our Chs to this cause - with the understanding that any surplus wh, could be raised should be forwarded to Dr Baird for the aid of the other Presbteries, Whether this plan is the wisest or not, your com, after a years experience are satisfied that it can be successfully worked in this Pres,

The whole amount contributed by the Chs as per Treasurer's report is $575.56. We have appropriated all the aid asked for by your beneficiaries, amounting as above stated to $180, leaving a surplus in the treasury of 395.56.

We recommend that $200. of this be forwarded to the Assly's Treasurer at Richmond, & that $295.56. be retained in the treasury for the present to meet any draft wh, may be made on the com, before contributions are received from the Chs

We think it likely that the demands on the com,

will be much larger next year, but firmly believe we may rely upon the contributions of our Chs to meet them & may confidently expect to be able to maintain all our own candidates.

By order of Com,

D. A. Penick, Chr.

The Com. on the narative of the State of religion in our Chs presented a Report which was recommitted to the Com. with instructions to amend it, so as to make it more conformable to the narratives pomted the Chs; which was amended accordingly, re-presented adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl Assembly, & is as follows viz

Narration.

Concord Pres, in presenting to the Genl Assy a narrative of the State of religion within their bounds during the past year, would in the first place, render devout gratitude & thanks Narration giving to God for his great goodness. We would thank him especially for the kindness & harmony that prevails among all the members of the Pres. We believe, that not a single unkind word has been uttered by any brother respecting an other at any of our meetings for several years past. No members feelings have been hurt, or in the slightest degree ruffled.

If the feelings of the heart may be inferred from the outward deportment, we infer that all the brethren love one another with pure hearts fervently, & stand fast in one spirit with one

mind striving for the faith of the gospel. Several of our Chs have enjoyed gracious visitations of the Holy Spirit. A gracious work has been going on in the Rocky River Ch. for several months past. 54 were added to the communion of the Ch, on one occasion. The attendance on the means of grace has increased, & their contributions also to the objects of benevolence.

Davidson College has also been blessed of God; 25 have been added to the Ch. on examination. The students are remarkably orderly & studious & very large proportion of them are pious. & 31 of them are candidates for the ministry. Christians have been greatly revived & much good has been done in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Narration

The Ch. of Concord Town has also been greatly blessed of God. During the past few months the Spirit of God has been specially working there, & 22 have been added to the Ch, in the last two weeks of such as we trust shall be saved.

Our Chs in general seem to be living in peace. The amount of our contributions to the objects of benevolence, & the number of contributing Chs have to some extent increased. Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes, & prayer meetings are kept up with more or less regularity in most of our Chs.

There have been some additions to most of our Chs during the past year. The christian parents within our bounds generally attend to the duty of infant baptism, & it is but in very few instances

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neglected. But whilst we have much to be thankful for, we have much also to mourn over. Ha additions to most of our Ch.s have been very few: & some have had no additions during the past year. Our contributions to the Objects of benevolence fall far below our ability & the urgent calls of God.

A considerable number of our Churches contribute nothing at all to any of the benevolent Schemes of the Church.

Respectfully submitted
Jno. P. Ham. Sec. Ch.

Report of Com. on Sus. Com.s Report.

The Com. to examine the records of Prospect Unity, Salisbury, Newton, & Marion Ch.s presented reports which were adopted.

The Com. on the Report & Records of the Sustentation Com. presented a report which was rec.d & adopted & is follows viz -

The Com. to whom was referred the records & Report of the Sustentation Com. would respectfully report that they have examined the books & find it correctly kept & recommend its approval as far as written.

They have also examined their report & find in it several items which claim the special attention of this body.

1.st On pages 3.d & 7.th for Sustentation & Invalid Fund. They have expended $356. more than has been contributed by the Churches.

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Report of Com. on Sus. Com.s Report.

His seems to demand some extra effort on the part of this body to bring up the Ch.s to a fuller performance of their duty in this regard.

2.d On page 4. concerning our general missionary. We would especially call the attention of the Pres to the fact that the time for wh. he is employed expires with this month (April). The com. in consequence of the falling off in the contributions of the Ch.s did not feel justified in making a longer engagement. So that without the prompt action of this body & a special effort on the part of our Churches, not only must this interesting missionary field be abandoned, but the time, labor, & expenditures already made be unavailably lost.

We also call special attention to the changes suggested as very important to the success of the mission work.

3.d We recommend the following Scheme of voluntary or appointed missionary labor presented by the Com, viz. Mission work.

Scheme of mis. Labor

The Com. of Sus. in obedience to the requirement of the Pres. of Concord herby declare a Scheme for missy work for the year 1872.

1. The Com. is of the opinion that the contributions of the Ch.s, unless largely increased will not justify the employment of a missionary to labor in the field beyond the mountains; & at the same time supplement the salaries of ministers laboring in our feeble churches. The Com. therefore decline to employ a missionary for that field longer than to May 1.st 1872, unless otherwise directed by the Pres

2. In cultivating said field by voluntary or appointed labor, the Com. deems it expedient to

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confine the labors of temporary supplies to narrower limits, than those hitherto assigned, & to prolong the the period of their labors; supplying in the meantime, the pulpits of the appointees with the services of neighboring ministers.

In accordance with these principles, the following assignments have been made.

Assignments.

1st Rev. W. A. Wood is directed to spend two months during the present year in Mitchell Co, and Rev E. F. Rockwell is directed & Rev R. B. Anderson requested to preach two Sabbaths each in Fourth Creek Ch. during his absence.

2nd Rev Wm. M. Shaw to spend six weeks in Ashe Co. And Rev S. G. Shaw D. D. to preach one Sabbath in each of his Chs. (Centre & Bethpage) during his absence, & two Sab.s in Yadkin Co. during the Summer.

3d Rev J. Rumple to spend six weeks in Watauga Co. & two weeks at discretion.
And Rev Jo. McKinnon to preach two Sabbs in Salisbury during his absence.

4th Rev Messrs T. K. Johnston & J. A. Paxton to spend two weeks each in Yancy Co, during the Summer.

5th Rev J. B. Mack to spend two weeks in Burke & McDowell Co.s & two weeks in Stanly

6th The labors of Licentiates & candidates to be employed in vacant Chs & mission fields.

7th The Presb. is asked to authorize appointed missionaries to receive members into the Chs.

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if qualified applicants be found, & to organize Churches & establish Schools at such points as they may consider promising.

Supplementary Report.

1st Rev W. A. Wood is directed to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Unity Ch, this Spring.

2nd Rev J. Rumple to administer the Sac. of the Lord's Supper at Prospect Ch,

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3d Rev Jo. McKinnon to administer the Lord's Supper at Back Creek Ch.

4th Rev E. F. Rockwell to administer the Lord's Supper at Third Creek.

5th Licentiate. Wm H. Davis is directed to preach at the Chs of Prospect & Back Creek until the next meeting of Pres. if suitable arrangements can be made.

6th Licentiates- Jno. M. Rosebro, B. G. Clifford, & R. M. Tuttle to preach in the vacant Chs & mission fields at discretion.

In view of the foregoing facts, this Com, would present the following Resolutions viz—

Resolutions

1. Resolved, That it be enjoined on every pastor & stated supply, & especially those Sessions of Chs which have done little or nothing in the way of contributions, To lay before their respective Churches immediately the embarrassed condition of our Schemes of benevolence, Especially of our missionary field. And urge upon them by every consideration to come up to the help of the Lord in this important work.

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Resolution

11 Resd. That Presbytery direct the com. to continue the missionary in his present field, at least for the balance of the present year, pledging herself to his support, & that though the contemplated changes are very important, that for the present they be not made.

111 Resolved. That the Presbytery approve & adopt the report of the com, & that the thanks of this Pres, are due, & are hereby tendered to them for their fidelity & punctuality in performing the important & arduous duties assigned them, & recommend the appointment of the same committee. (signed) G. M. Gibb
T. F. Johnston
A. C. McIntosh.

Com. on Syst. Benev. Report.

The com. on Systematic Benevolence presented a report a report etc, was received & adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the next Genl. Assembly & sit in Richmond Va.

Leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs D. A. Torrance, A. C. McIntosh & E. McCreely after this forenoons sessions.

Treasurer's act, Report of Com.

The report of the com, to audit the account of the Treasurer of Presbytery was taken up, recommitted to the com, & subsequently re-reported & approved & is as follows viz—

The com. appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts beg leave to report that they find all the accounts satisfactory,

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Report of Com. on Treasurer's acct.

The com, further report the following sums still in the hands of the Treasurer as shown by his books viz-

For Sustentation	$326.60
" Foreign Missions	176.78
" Relief Fund	41.25
" Education	218.29
" Publication	128.90
" Commissioner's Fund	43.48.

(signed) J. R. Blake
J. H. Hill.

Profs J. R. Blake & J. H. Hill were added temporarily to the com. on Languages.

The Historical Sketch of Poplar Tent Church by W. S. Harris was presented, recd & placed on the docket.

Com. on narratives from the Chs, Report.

The com, appointed to report as to the fullness & completeness of Sessional reports, presented the following which, (religion in Chs. on the narrative of State of religion) was rec'd amended & adopted viz-

The com, on the narrative, to whom were referred the narratives of the Chs on the State of religion, for examination & report as to their fulness & completeness, beg leave to report. That they have examined, as carefully as their limited time would allow, the reports placed in their hands & would respectfully submit the following 1st They recommend that the reports of the following churches be approved viz. Salisbury, Centre, Bethpage, Mt. Vernon. And the following with exceptions viz Franklin, approved with one exception. They do not contribute to all the objects of benevolence

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Concord, with one exception, the same. Newton with 1 exc[pt]. the expenses of their delegates to the Ch. courts not paid. Zion, with 1 exc[pt]. the same. Bethany, with the exc[pt]. that their report is not full, a number of the questions are not answered at all. Zion, with the exception that it is not stated that they contribute to all the objects ordered by the Genl. Assy. Rocky River, with 2 exc[pts]. The salary of the pastor & expenses of delegates to the Ch. courts have not been fully paid. Poplar Tent, with 2 exc[pts]. the same. Prospect, with 2 exc[pts]. The expenses of delegates are not paid & it is not said that they contribute to all the objects of benevolence. Davidson College Ch. with 2 exc[pts]. They do not appoint delegates to Synod, & do not pay the expenses of their delegates. Marion, with two exc[pts]. The salary of the minister & expenses delegates to the Ch. courts not fully paid. Siloam, with 2 exc[pts]. The same. Unity, with 2 exc[pts]. They do not pay the expenses of delegates to the Ch. courts & did not contribute the past year to Publication. Third Creek, with 2 exc[pts]. The traveling expenses of delegates to Ch. courts not paid, & they do not contribute to all the objects of benevolence. Bethesda with two exc[pts]. The minister's salary & expenses of delegates to Ch. courts not fully paid. Mocksville, with 2 exc[pts]. The expenses of delegates not fully paid, & do not contribute to all the objects ordered by the Genl. Assy. Back Creek, with 3 exc[pts]. They do not appoint delegates to all the Ch. courts, dont pay their expenses, nor contribute to all the objects of benevolence. Taylorsville, with 8 exc[pts]. The ministers salary & expenses of delegates, have not been paid, & nothing contributed to Education & Publication.

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& Fiatira with the exc[pts]. That the ministers salary has not been fully paid, & nothing has been contributed, so far as reported, to any of the objects ordered by the Genl. Assembly.

Stated Clerk.

We further recommend that the Stated Clerk of Pres. be directed to notify the Clerks of all the Sessions whose reports are not fully approved, of the exceptions taken to their report, & that they are kindly but earnestly admonished to use all diligence hereafter to comply with the requisitions of Pres. especially in regard to the points to wh. exceptions have been taken. Or in case of any failure, they are required to furnish the Pres. with satisfactory reasons for the failure.

(signed) J. A. Scott
W. S. White.

Com. discharged

The committees on the minutes of Synod, & Bills & Overtures having reported no business on hands, were discharged.

Exam. of Candidates

Messrs D. J. Clifford, Jno. W. Proctor, W. W. Davis & R. M. Tuttle were examined on Theology; pending wh. examination, Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The com. to which was referred the matter touching arrearages due Rev. S. C. Alexander by Salem Ch. presented the following report which was adopted viz:- The com. to whom were referred the papers touching the controversy between Rev. S. C. Alexander & the Salem Ch. respectfully report that, after reading the papers put into their hands, & after conversing with

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with Rev S. C. Miller & with Mr E. McClellan the Elder from said Ch; they had not before them any definite facts enabling them to express any intelligent judgment in the premises. They think there is something due Mr Miller, but how much they know not. They recommend that the Presbytery direct the parties to meet together at Taylorsville as soon as convenient & that A. C. McIntosh & E. M. Stimson be directed to hear their statement & endeavor to decide the amount, if any due Mr Miller & express their judgment. & if necessary report to Presbytery at a subsequent meeting; & that if the matter can not be adjusted in any way satisfactory to the parties, & if they wish further action on the part of the Presbytery in the case; that they come before us with definite facts to enable us to see the merits of the case. (signed) Jesse Rankin
J. Semple

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The critical exercises & Popular Lectures of Messrs R. M. Tuttle. W. H. Davis. B. G. Clifford & Jno. W. Rosebro were referred for examination to the Com. on Theology.

Candidates Trial &c.

The Historical sketch of Poplar Tent Church was read, accepted, ordered to be filed among the permanent papers of Presbytery & a copy tendered to the N. C. Presbyterian for publication and the thanks of this Presbytery are tendered to Mr Davis for the opening.

Historical sketch of Poplar Tent, ST'd & Pbn.

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Com. continued Shiloh.

The com. to arrange as to arrearages due Rev S. C. Miller by the Shiloh Ch. were continued until next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Candidates Trial &c

The com. on Languages reported recommending that the exercises of Messrs Tuttle, Davis, Clifford & Rosebro be sustained as parts of trial.

Thanks &c

On motion the thanks of this body were tendered to the Congregation of Concord Ch. for their kindness & hospitality.

Com. on Ed. continued.

On motion, the present com. on Education was continued for one year.

Candidates Trial &c

The com. on Theology reported, recommending that the critical exercises & Popular Lectures of Messrs W. H. Davis, Jno. W. Rosebro & B. G. Clifford, & the critical exercise of R. M. Tuttle be sustained as parts of trial.

Candidates Examined

Messrs Davis, Rosebro, Clifford & Tuttle were examined on Church History. His examination, & also that on Theology were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

R. M. Tuttle Lecture.

Presb. next attended to the reading of the Popular Lecture of R. M. Tuttle which, on motion, was arrested & the Lecture sustained as a part of trial.

Candidates Sustained & Licensed & Ordained

On motion, the examination and various parts of trial of Romulus M. Tuttle, Branch G. Clifford, John W. Rosebro & Wm H. Davis as parts of trial were sustained as a whole.

Whereupon the Presbytery proceeded to license each one of them to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry.

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Treasr to pay comrs & Genl. Assy.

The Treasurer of Pres. was directed to pay to each of the commissioners to the Genl. Assembly to meet at Richmond Va.

W. H. Davis to serve Back Creek & Prospect

Mr W. H. Davis was directed to serve the Churches of Back Creek & Prospect until the next Stated meeting of Presbty. if Satisfactory arrangement can be made

Candidates to visit vacant Chs.

Messrs Rosebro, Clifford & Tuttle, were directed to visit the vacant Churches.

Treasr to pay Mis.

On motion the Treasurer of Pres. was directed to pay the missionary Rev C. T. Beall the remainder of his Salary now due.

The minutes of to-day's Session were read & approved.

On motion Presby. adjourned to meet in Newton on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in Sept. next 12 o'Clock, M.

Closed with singing, prayer, & the apostolic benediction.

(Signed) Wm. P. Ham
Stated Clerk of Concord Presby.

Presbyterial Report to the Genl. Assembly

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Genl. Assembly, 5 Licentiates, and 8. candidates Viz;

Ministers, Licentiates & Candidates	Post Offices	Churches.
Jesse Rankin, P.	Lenoir N.C.	Lenoir P.
Daniel Lindly F.M.	Fort Natal, S. Africa	Bethel V.
Hous. F. Johnston, P.E.	Morganton N.C	Lenoir S.S.
E. F. Rockwell S.S.	Cool Springs "	Fifth Creek S.S.
J. A. Paxton P.	Pleasant Retreat "	Marion P.
	"	Siloam S.S.
G.W. Gibbs S.S.	Mocksville "	Mocksville S.S.
S. C. Millen M.C.	Fancy Hill "	Salem S.S.
S.C. Shaw D.D.	Salisbury "	Thyatira P.
	"	Franklin P.
B. L. Beall S.M.	Lenoir "	Jefferson V.
J. Rumple P.	Salisbury "	Salisbury P.
		College Ch. S.S.
A. A. Kennedy P	Concord "	Poplar Tent P.
		Newton S.S.
W.W. Shaw P	Mt Mourne "	Centre P.
		Bethphage P
Robt. Bradly S.S.	Fancy Hill "	Concord S.S.
		Taylorsville S.S.
		Shiloh S.S.
W.N. Wood P	Statesville	Fourth Creek P
		Bethuda S.S.

to set in Richmond Va. May 1874.

That it consists of 16. ministers, and has under its care 12 Chs.

Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Total Communicants	Baptisms Adults	Baptisms Infants	Children in Sabbath Schools	Contributions	For Missions	Education	Publication	Freedmen Fund	Pastors Salary Beneficiary Fund.	Congregational	Miscellaneous	
15	0	64	3.	1.	30	36	45-	48	5-	55	311	67	7.	
0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2	3.	74	1	2	35-	0	0	7	0	0	0	62	7.	
2	1	34	0	8	0	21	10	8	3	6	0	211	6.	
0	2	40	0	0	0	16	8	7	4	8	166	12	0	
2	0	34	1	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	3	25-	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	54	0	
1	0	130	0	6	50	0	0	0	0	0	264	20	10	
18	4	95-	6	12	41	11	0	1	0	0	253	1	12	
4	0	10	4	2	0	10	0	4	0	0	0	0	2.	
0	6	121	0	3	105-	60	72	200 6	35-	25-	1300	300	0	
0						34	36	25-	15-	0	0	100	5-	
10	7	183	1	14	65-	57	57	49	9	17	700	50	70	
0	5-	37	0	4	30	10	10	5-	5-	2	75-	0	16	
2	7	116	0	11	60	15-	23	15-	0	0	300	545	12	
6	1	136	0	5-	45-	8	5-	5-	0	0	320	20	45-	
2	0	200	0	11	60	29	10	8	0	0	335	75-	8-	
2	2	78	0	4	34-	34	8	0	0	0	125-	0	13.	
0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	131	0	0	0	80	98	136	10	0	0	0	0	
3	1	89	1	7	0	4	1	3	0	0	0	93	7.	

Presbyterial Report to the Gen'l. Assembly

The Presbty of Concord reports to the Gen'l. Assy, 5 Licentiates, and 8 Candidates Viz:

Ministers Licentiates and Candidates	Post Offices.	Churches.
J. B. Mack P.	Pioneer Wells.	Rocky River P.
	Morganton N.P.	Morganton S. S.
Lester McKinnon P.	Concord "	Concord Town P
Licentiates 5. Viz:	Tabor	Tabor S.S.
J. C. Grundy.	Davidson College "	Unity C.
R. M. Tuttle.	Lenoir "	Back Creek C
Wm H. Davis.	Salisbury "	Prospect C.
B. G. Clifford.	Davidson College	Bethany S.S.
Jno. M. Rocebo.	Hamptonville Sidney P.	Third Creek C.
Candidates 8.	Wilksboro "	Wilksboro S.S.
Total 16. 5. 8.		32.

Continued.

That it consists of 16 ministers, has under its care 32 Chs:

Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Total of Communicants	Baptisms Adults	Baptisms Infants	Children in Sab. Schools & Bible Classes	Administration	Ministers	Education	Publication	Synodical Fund	Pastors Salary, actually paid	Congregational	Miscellaneous
67	14	350	4	18	170	94	37	154	128	58	1168	800	100
0	1	95	0	1	0	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	13	134	1	6	76	41	31	30	1	0	350	700	125
0	0	31	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0
0	0	92	0	1	50	14	1	7	0	0	0	0	12
2	0	100	0	0	40	0	11	0	0	0	0	67	11
11	0	325	1	22	75	13	0	5	0	0	0	277	32
3	5	74	1	2	20	7	0	0	0	0	89	0	0
0	0	90	0	1	75	2	8	0	0	0	0	25	0
0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

By order of Presbytery
Wm H. Lean, Stated Clerk

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Systematic Benevolence

The report of the Presbytery of Concord to the Genl. Assembly, for the year ending April 1st 1862.

Objects	Number of Congregations Contributing	Amounts.
Relief Fund.	7	$ 171.75
Education	18.	25-25-.65
Sustentation	21	642.92
Publication	10	20 7.14
For. Missions	19	5 35.80
Miscellaneous	16.	443.16.
Total	25	45-31.402.

Remarks: 7 Congregations have contributed to all the five objects ordered by the Genl. Assembly. 3. have contributed to four of them; 5 have contributed to three of them; 6 have contributed to two of them; 4 to one of them; 97 to none of them.

This Presbytery reports an increase of contributions to all the objects ordered by the Genl. Assembly, save that of Sustentation; amounting in the aggregate to $1400.

By order of Presbytery,
Wm. P. Chrm, Stated Clerk

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The Presbytery of Concord met in Newton on the 19th of Sept 1872, & was opened with a Sermon by the retiring Mod, Rev J. B. Mack from John 19:26-27. "He saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother."

After Sermon, the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called & the following ministers & ruling Elders were present viz—

Ministers	Churches	Ruling Elders
T. F. Johnston	Rocky River	Jno M. Long
S. C. Pharr & M.	Poplar Tent	W. S. Harris
B. L. Beall	Concord Town	C. R. White
J. Semple	Centre & Bethpage	R. A. Alexander
Wm. W. Pharr	Hyattina & Franklin	N. F. Hall
J. B. Mack	Back Creek	Moses Lingle
L. McKinnon	Prospect	A. Frazer
	Third Creek	J. E. Boston
	Fourth Creek	J. A. Witherspoon
	Concord, 2nd ch	R. W. Gibson
	Lemon.	Jas. Harper
	Unity	J. Bowles

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Mod & Clerks.

Rev Luther McPherson was chosen Mod, & Rev B.L. Beall & Nelson A. Sloop Temporary Clerks.

On motion Presbytery took a recess for one hour & a half.

After recess,

Members Appear

Presbytery met. Rev J. Rumple & L.L. Howell ruling Elder from Taylorsville Ch, appeared & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness. Rev A. Torrance ruling Elder from Newton Ch, appeared in Pres, & took his seat.

Minutes & Standing rules Read.

The minutes of the last stated meeting & the Standing rules of Presbytery were read.

The Moderator announced the following Committees. viz—

Bills & Overtury. Revs J.B. Mack. W.W. Pharr & N.J. Hall. R.E.

Judicial Com. Rev J. Rumple & R. N. Alexander & John M. Long ruling elders.

Mod, announced Comts.

Narrative to Synod— Revs L.L. Howell & T.P. Johnston & ruling Elder C.R. White

On Minutes of Genl. Assembly—

Rev J. Rumple & Moses Temple & W.S. Harris ruling elders.

Devotional exercises— ruling elders A. A. Torrance, J. Douglas & J.C. Poston.

A. A. Smith excused.

A written excuse from Rev A.A. Smith for absence from the present meeting was

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read & sustained. Mr Wm. H. Davis a licentiate was at his own request, transferred from the care of this Presbytery to that of Fayetteville.

Wm H. Davis transferred

Trustees of D. College report.

The report of the Trustees of Davidson College was rec'd, accepted & ordered to be placed on file.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of Mecklenburg Presbytery & a paper from a committee of the same touching a change of the territorial line dividing Concord & Mecklenburg Presbyteries was read, & on motion was referred to a Special Com, consisting of Rev W.W. Pharr, J. Rumple & W.S. Harris ruling elder, to report at the present Sessions of this body.

Communication from Mecklenburg Presbytery & from Com. of the Synod, referred,

Mr R. C. White was appointed Treasurer pro. tem. of Presbytery.

Treasurer pro. tem.

Mr Thomas H. Johnston, Salem, a member of the Church of Concord Town was introduced to Presbytery with a view to being received under its care as a candidate for the gospel ministry. Whereupon he was examined as to his acquaintance with experimental religion & his motives for seeking the gospel ministry, & on motion was received under the care of this body as a beneficiary candidate for the gospel ministry.

Thos. H. Johnston, Candidate rec'd

Jacob Crouse ruling Elder from Salem Ch, appeared in Presbytery & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Ch. appears

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Dr Phillips corresponding member.

Rev Tobias S. Phillips D.D. a member of Concord Presbytery, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member of this body.

Place & time of next meeting.

Fund-Creek was chosen as the place & Thursday before the 3d Sabbath of April 1873, 11 o'clock A.M. as the time for holding the next Stated meeting of this Presbytery.

Reports on missionary work.

Rev Messrs Mayr. Shaw, J. C. Shaw J. Rumple, S. McKinnon D. R. Johnston & J. B. Mack, made reports touching opportunities to do missionary work, & to preach in vacant churches & churches temporarily unsupplied, which were accepted.

Com. & instr. to Dr. McKinnon.

The committee appointed to install Rev S. McKinnon as pastor of the church of Concord Town, reported that they had attended to this duty, at the place & time appointed.

On motion Presbytery took a recess until 4 o'clock P.M.

After recess.

Julian & Ramsay's bequests.

Presbytery met. Trials. Price Julian & James Alston Ramsay were referred, as beneficiaries, to the Com. of Education, & said Committee was instructed to give them such aid as they may need.

On motion, Resolved, that the Presbytery of Concord will prefer no claims to the proceeds arising from the sale of the

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Statistical & systematic Benevolence Reports.

Holtzhouser Church.

Holtzhouser Church in Rowan county, N.C. & that in its judgment, the adjustment of the conflicting claimes is to be made by the Trustees of said Church.

Call from Prospect Ch. for Tuttle.

A call was read from the Prospect Church for the Pastoral services of Rev Rumples all. Tuttle for the whole of his time, promising him the sum of eight hundred dollars ($800) payable annually. This call being found in order was ordered to be placed in his hands, & his acceptance of said call was signified by Teller; whereupon Rev A. Leazer was appointed to suggest arrangements for his ordination & installation.

Report of Agt. to settle the estate of E. Fleming.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical report of this body & also the report on Systematic Benevolence which were accepted & ordered to be forwarded to Synod. (see Appendix)

The following report of the Agent appointed to settle with the estate of Enos Fleming dec'd was read, accepted & ordered to be recorded.

Your Agent appointed to settle with the estate of Enos Fleming dec'd would respectfully report, that he has given attention to this matter and effected a settlement.

The whole amount of notes & money on hands at the death of the Testator was $1066.10 Principal. The whole amount collected, including interest, & per cent on sold notes, was $1239.50

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The whole amount of debt against the Estate, including charges for settling the same, was $917.74. Leaving $160.88. due the Committee of Sustentation.

Deducting from this amount $5.88. for the services I have rendered, I have forwarded to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Genl. Assembly (J. H. Swaney) $155. for which, you will see accompanying this a voucher, a copy of the settlement.

There are notes still uncollected in the hands of the Administratrix, amounting in the aggregate to $142.90. principal.

Asst to settle the estate of C. Fleming.

These are generally small notes, & it is not probable that any of them or any part of them will ever be collected, as the debtors have no property, some of them & others of them plead the "Homestead rights" & either positively decline to pay or upon request their inability to do so.

Your Agent would further report, that there are belonging to the Estate about 200 acres of land, with a good dwelling house & out buildings, worth, probably about 12 or 15 hundred dollars; one half the proceeds of which will be due the Committee of Sustentation at the death of the widow.

Respectfully submitted
N. Johnston, Agt.

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Biographical Sketch of D. McPhail.

The committee appointed anew to present a biographical sketch of the life & labors of Rev D. McPhail D.D. dec'd which was accepted & ordered to be recorded in the Presbytery's Volume of Biographical Sketches.

Stated Clk's acct

The Stated Clerk presented his acct against Presbytery, amounting to $52.70 which the Presbytery ordered the Treasurer to pay as soon as practicable.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning 7 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Friday morning 7 o'clock
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The Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

Stated Clk to print the minutes.

On motion the following paper was adopted viz- Whereas, it is highly important that our church officers should be acquainted with the proceedings of Presbytery, which object cannot be secured by merely pointing an abstract-

Therefore- Resolved. 1. That the Stated Clerk be directed to have 350 copies of the minutes of Presbytery published as soon as possible.

2nd That he be directed to send to each church as many copies as there are Elders & Deacons in it,

3d That the assessment on the Churches be raised 20 per cent in order to provide the means for so doing.

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Members appear.

Rev E. F. Rockwell & Rev G. W. Gibbs appear in Presbytery & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Sketch of Centreh. by E. F. Rockwell

Rev E. F. Rockwell presented an Historical Sketch of Centre church, which was accepted ordered to be placed on file, & the thanks of the Presbytery tendered to him for the same.

Adj. & min. Miss. Report.

On motion Presbytery heard the report of the Rev T. P. Johnston, Agent for Foreign Missions. His report was rec'd & the following resolution adopted—

Resolved, That Concord Presbytery will immediately endeavor to raise at least $100. of the Special contribution made for the Davidson Institute, and for this end, the Presbytery directs each minister & Church Session, to take up a special collection as soon as practicable; forward the same to the Treasurer at Columbia, and that they report at the next stated meeting of this body as to their compliance with the Presbytery's direction.

Davidson Institute.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess until 2, o'clock P. M.

After recess.

Delegate to Gen. Assy. report.

Presbytery met. Rev Thos. P. Johnston made his report as delegate to the Gen. Assembly which was received.

The committee appointed to arrange for the Ordination & installation of R. M.

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arrangements for Ordination of R. M. Tuttle.

Tuttle licentiate, presented the following report which was accepted & adopted viz—

The committee recommends the following.

That the Presbytery meet at Prospect Church on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath of Oct, 11. O'clock A. M. and that the Ordination & installation take place on Friday, if the way be open— That Rev T. C. Thomson D.D. preside, & propose the constitutional questions, & preach the ordination sermon— Rev J. Rumple be his alternate. Rev Thos P. Johnson deliver the charge to the pastor— Rev W. A. Wood be his alternate.

And that Rev D. McGilvray deliver the charge to the people & Rev J. B. Black be his alternate.

The com, further recommend that Titus 2:13-14, be assigned Mr R. M. Tuttle as the basis of his trial sermon for Ordination.

Com. to visit Fifth Creek.

On compliance with a request from Fifth Creek church, Presbytery appointed Rev J. Rumple, Rev Thos P. Johnson & ruling Elders S. A. Davis & J. Brunner a committee to visit said church with a view to the investigation & determination of certain matters that hinder the prosperity of that church.

Com. on paper from Mecklenburg Pres. Report.

The com, to which was referred a communication from Mecklenburg Presbytery, & a paper from a com, of the same, made the following report which was adopted, viz—

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Papers from Mecklenburge Pres. Com. report,

The committee to whom was referred a communication from Mecklenburge Presbytery & a paper from a committee of the same; proposing to this body to appoint a committee to co-operate with a like com, appointed by that body, in an overture to the Synod of N.C. to change the territorial line dividing the two Presbyteries: so as to make County lines the line of division; thereby changing the Presbyterial relations of College & Bethel Churches from Concord to Mecklenburge Pres, have considered the same & recommend the following reply.— That in as much as the present line of division, including within our territorial limits that portion of Mecklenburge County in which Davidson College & said Churches are situated & beside was a compromise measure & the basis upon which the Presbytery after long discussion, harmoniously agreed to divide. We as much as we regard this compromise as sacred & deprecate a re-opening of this question; Therefore, with all due deference to said Presbytery, we beg leave, respectfully to decline to appoint said Committee or to give our consent to the proposed change.

Com { Wm. Shaw, J. Rumple & W. L. Harris

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Sustentation Com's Report,

A paper from members of the Sustentation com, was presented, considered seriatim, adopted & is as follows—

In the absence of a quorum of the com, of Sustentation, the following statement, & report is made by the members present, 1st In obedience to the order of the Presbytery, the com, continued Rev B. Le. Beall as Missionary for the remaining 8 months of 1872, at a salary of $750. per annum, or $500. per 8 months. The com, applied to the Gen'l Assembly's Committee of Sustentation for $330. for this purpose, also for Rev S. H. Gibbs $100. or. Rev S. C. Millen $100. or. An answer came from the Secretary of Sustentation that no further appropriations could be made to members of Concord Presby unless the Churches would contribute their proportion to this cause.

Treasurer to pay Miss'y

In as much as the churches have failed to contribute as desired, we recommend that the Presbytery direct its Treasurer to pay Rev B. Le. Beall his salary for the current year, as soon as the funds are received, & that the ministers & Churches use all diligence to secure and forward to the Treasurer funds for this purpose.

The com, further asks the Presbytery to advise whether it is desired that the missionary be continued to labor in the mountains & vacant

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churches of our Presbytery. We recommend the following supplies for vacant churches.

Supplies.

Rev L. McKinnon preach & administer ordinances in Back Creek Church.
Rev J.B. Mack the same in Third Creek Ch.
" W. A. Wood " " Unity Church.
" R. M. Tuttle " " Concord Church.
" B. L. Brall " " Taylorsville "
" J. C. Shaw D.D. " " Shiloh "

We recommend further that Rev B. L. Brall visit each of these once during the remainder of the year 1872, if practicable.

We recommend further that the Rev J. C. Kennedy be directed to preach once or twice in each of these vacant churches, between this time & the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

We recommend that our missionary, & the com. of Sustentation, be urged to use all proper means to secure the means of grace for our vacant churches, & the Chs supplied be urged to compensate the ministers & licentiates supplying them.

A committee consisting of Rev J.B. Mack, Rev E.F. Rockwell & Ruling Elder N.F. Hall was appointed to consider and report as to the continuing of the Missionary in the mountains & vacant churches.

T.S. Payson excused.

A written satisfactory excuse was presented from Rev T.S. Payson for absence from the

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present sessions of this body, and for non-fulfilment of appointment to do missionary labor.

B. College Trustees Report.

The following paper was, on motion adopted viz- The Presbytery of Concord having heard the committee of the Trustees of Davidson College, concerning the proposed scheme for adding one hundred thousand dollars to the endowment of said institution.

Resolves, 1st That said Schemes meets with the hearty approbation & shall receive the support & co-operation of this Presbytery.

2nd That the agent of Davidson College, when appointed be commended to the favor of our ministers & Churches.

Supply approved. C.F.K & Chs.

Permission was granted to the churches of Fifth Creek, Bethany & Bethesda to employ the ministerial services of Rev E.F. Rockwell each for one third of his time at a salary of $200. or each during the year 1872, on the terms mutually agreed upon by those churches & Rev E.F. Rockwell.

A free conversation was held on the State of religion in our churches.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess until 7½ o'clock P.M., to meet in the German Reformed Church.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The com. on the minutes of the Genl. Assembly presented a report which was

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amended, adopted & is as follows:—

Com. on Minutes of Gen. Assy, & Reports

The committee on the minutes of the Gen. Assembly would report the following items as deserving the attention of the Presbytery,

On page 163. On Sustentation.

Resolved. That this Presbytery urge upon the ministers & the churches under its care, to practice greater liberality in contributing of their means for the cause of Sustentation.

Resolved. That the vacant churches be recommended, to have the congregation assembled together at least once every Sabbath to hear a sermon read if practicable or hold prayer meeting.

✓ Resolved. That that the time of taking up collections for Evangelistic work be changed from the 1st Sab. in April to the 1st Sab. in Sept,

On page 164. Book of Discipline.

Resolved that this Presbytery postpone the examination of the Book of Discipline until its next stated meeting.

Page 166. On day of prayer.

Resolved. That we recommend that the 3d Thursday of Nov. next be observed as a day of special Thanksgiving to God for his mercies to us as a church. & of humiliation & earnest supplication to God for an abundant outpouring of his Spirit on all our pastors & congregations.

Page 170. On Education.

This Presbytery would re-affirm resolution 5th

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With abiding faith in prayer as a means of securing laborers for the world's great harvest field, it is recommended that the custom of observing the last Thursday of Feb. as a day of prayer be continued.

Page 172. On the Endowment Fund of the Executive Com. of Publication.

Resolved, That the ministers & churches be urged to make earnest efforts to obtain further contributions to this object & forward the amounts so collected. All which is respectfully submitted,

com. | J. Rankin
W. S. Harris
Messrs. Single

The committee on the narrative to Synod presented a report which was accepted & after consideration was re-committed to the com.

J. Rankin permission to organize Ch.s

The request of Rev J. Rankin for permission to organize a church at Hickory Station and at Icard Station was referred to the Committee of ✓ Sustentation, authorizing them to act as the circumstances may justify.

Leave of absence after to day was granted to Rev J. Rankin.

A paper touching the continuing of the missionary in our mountain field was received. Pending the consideration of which Presbytery adjourned until 8½ o'clock tomorrow morning. Closed with prayer.

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Saturday morning
Sept 21. 1872.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected & approved.

Corresponding member Rev. Mr Clapp

Rev Mr Clapp, member of the German Reformed Classis, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member, - which was done.

The consideration of the unfinished business was deferred.

The committee thereon presented a report of the State of Religion in our Churches, which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Synod. (see Appendix)

Narrative Comm. Report.

The Agent of Publication presented the following report which was accepted, viz:-

Agt. of Publication Report.

The Agent of Publication would present the following report - During the past year 15 of our Churches have contributed $170.05 to the cause of Publication. viz -

Rocky River	$ 57.20
Lemon	10. 00
Concord Town	13. 86
College Church	23. 00
Newton	10. 00
Bethpage	2. 35
Centre	5. 00
Amarilla	1. 00
Mocksville	2. 00
Poplar Tent	9. 00

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Salisbury	$25. 00
Fourth Creek	10. 89
Marion	3. 75
Lilesville	4. 00
Morgenton (for Linn Creek)	1. 00
Total	170. 05

Agt. of Publication Report.

It will thus be seen that 17 of our Churches did not contribute to this cause. This is to be regretted, especially as over $1000. 00 of our proportion of the Endowment Fund has not been paid.

In view of this, Presbytery is recommended to direct all our Churches to contribute to this object before our next Stated meeting, & if any fail, that they be then called upon to state the cause of said failure.

signed. J. B. Mack. Agt.

Irregularities in Morgenton Church.

"The following paper touching the condition of Morgenton Church was adopted viz:-

It having come to the knowledge of this Presbytery that irregularities exist in the government of the Morgenton Church, owing to the non-residence of the Ruling Elder in said Church & the non-connection of its supply with our Presbytery - Resolved that a special committee be appointed to proceed as soon as practicable to Morgenton, to confer with the Stated Supply & Church, empowered to receive members into the Church, to call the Congregation together to elect Elders & Deacons if they may be agreed & to obtain such

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Morganton Dist. Conf. to visit

elum elected. and in any other fondent & constitutional way to secure Egularity in the condition of said Church; & Report to this body at its adjourned meeting to be held at Prospect Oct 17th inst.

Rev J. Rumple. Rev S. M. Gibbs & A. Frazer ruling elder were appointed as the committee to execute the requirements of this paper.

The unfinished business touching the future employment of the Missionary in our old field was taken up: whereupon the following paper, as amended, was adopted, viz—

The special Com to whom was referred the propriety of continuing the Missionary in the field, feel exceedingly perplexed what to recommend. We find that for the year ending April 1st 1872, there was contributed to Sustentation about $25.00. The contributions up to the present time do not indicate a larger amount for the year ending April 1st 1873. It will, in that event, take all of this sum to pay the salary of our Missionary up to June 1st 1873. i.e. to redeem the pledge made to him at our last meeting.

Non continuance of Missionary

The Presbytery at present has a twofold work. 1st to aid feble Churches to the amount of at least $400.00 — & 2nd to pay the salary of our Missionary, which is $750.00.

It is clear that in the present condition of affairs we cannot support both.

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Missionary discontinued.

Hence we must either cease to aid the feble Churches, or cease to employ the Missionary.

The fact that the whole amount is over $200.00 less than the salary of our Missionary, has induced the Committee to recommend, 1st that Presbytery feels constrained by force of circumstances to suspend the missionary work after the present year.

2nd That the Sustentation Committee appropriate the funds contributed to Sustentation in aiding feble Churches; after the pledge made to our Missionary shall have been redeemed.

Respectfully submitted,
Com. | J. B. Mack, N. Y. Hall, E. Y. Rockwell

Thanks of Pres. to Chs & Pa.

Resolved. That the Thanks of this Presbytery be & are hereby tendered to the citizens of Newton for their kindness & hospitality to the members thereof, & to the brethren of the Methodist, Lutheran & German Reformed Churches for the use of their houses of worship; & to the R. Roads that have extended to us the courtesy of reduced fare.

E. Y. R. Sketch of 4th Creek Ch.

Resolved, That Rev E. Y. Rockwell be requested to present, at the next Stated meeting of this body, an Historical Sketch of Fourth Creek Church.

The minutes of Co-days sessions were read & approved.

Newton N.C. Sept 21. 1872

Adjourned.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Charlotte N.C. during the sessions of Synod at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer, & apostolic benediction.

William. W. Phun
Stated Clerk

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Narrative to Synod.

The Presbytery of Concord would report to the Synod of N.C. that we have reason to bless God for the encouraging indications of the general healthful & prosperous state of our Churches. The reports bear the cheering intelligence of the increasing & increasing spirit of liberality amongst our people in contributing to the benevolent objects ordained by the Genl. Assembly. There have been marked & precious revivals of religion in the churches of Fernon, Rocky River, Concord Town, College Church, Fourth Creek, Hopewell & Franklin by which about 115 have been added to the Church.

There has been good attendance upon the word, & good attention given to the truths of the gospel. A spirit of prayer to an encouraging extent seems to exist in our churches. Prayer meetings conducted by the pastor or ruling Elders in his absence, & in many cases by the young men, have been attended with good results.

Sabbath Schools & Bible classes have been established in nearly all our congregations & several interesting mission Schools. Three of our congregations, Rocky River, Concord Town & Centre have lately furnished their pastors with a Parsonage & others are meditating the same. One of our Churches which has hitherto employed a pastor for only half his time, & which for some time has been vacant, has now become self-sustaining & has lately called a Pastor for the whole of his time at a salary of $1000.00. Though there has been a necessity for the exercise of discipline in a few cases, yet there has

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been a commendable degree of peace & good order in our churches. Most of our churches have been supplied with the means of grace. either by pastors or stated supplies. & for some months our vacant congregations were ministered to by Probationers who have not yet completed their Theological course.

Four young men of considerable promise have been lately licensed by this Presbytery to preach the gospel.

A few of our churches are still vacant & are desirous to obtain the regular administration of the word. While we are thus cheered & encouraged with the great things God has done for us, we lament that we have not arrived at the high standard of efficiency, zeal & self-denial required by the gospel.

There is too small a sense of our high obligations to consecrate every thing to the Lord.

There is, we fear, a spirit of conformity to the world leading our people in many instances, to violate the rules of the Church by engaging in fashionable amusements & also to Extravagant expenditure of means wh, might be given to the treasury of the Lord.

Our people, though beginning to realize their obligations, have not been fully impressed with their responsibility as Stewards of God, & the solemn account they must render at the judgement day.

We earnestly hope that before the close of another ecclesiastical year there will be a deeper impression of their obligation & duty followed by larger donations, & more efficient efforts for the cause of Christ.

Wm. M. Shaw, Stated Clerk

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Statistical report of Concord Presbytery to the Synod of N. Carolina for the year ending Oct 28 72

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of N.C. that they consist of 16 ministers, & have under their care 32 Churches. 4 Licentiates & 8 Candidates; that on the 18th day of April 1872, they received, on certificate from Wilmington Presbytery the Rev Leuther McKinnon. that on the 22nd day of April they licensed Messrs Romulus M. Tuttle, Branch G. Clifford, John W. Rosebro and Wm H. Davis to preach the Gospel as probationers for the Holy ministry; that on the 1st day of May they installed Rev L. McKinnon pastor of Concord Town church. that on the 19th day of Sept they transferred, at his own request, Wm H. Davis Licentiate to the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and that their next Stated meeting will be at Third Creek Church Rowan Co, on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath of April 1873.

All which is respectfully submitted

William M. Shaw

Stated Clerk

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Report of Concord Presbytery to the Synod of N. Carolina on Systematic Benevolence

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits to the Synod of N. Carolina the following report of their benevolent contributions for the year ending April 1872.

We have under our care 32 Churches. Of these—

7,	contributed	to the	Invalid	Fund	$171.75
18	"	"	"	Education	2025.65
21	"	"	"	Sustentation	642.92
10	"	"	"	Publication	207.14
19	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	585.80
16	"	"	"	Miscellaneous	448.16
				Total	$4531.42

Our Statistics show that 25, out of our 32, Churches have contributed something to the above objects. 7 of them have reported no contributions to any of them.

Our Statistics further show an increase of contributions to all the objects ordered by the Gen. Assembly, save that of Sustentation, amounting in the aggregate to $1400.00

Respectfully Submitted
William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk

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Absentees.

Ministers. A. C. Miller & W. A. Wood.

Churches not represented — College Ch. Bethel. Salisbury. Mocksville. Tabor. Bethany. Fifth Creek. Bethesda. Shiloh. Millsboro. Jefferson. Morganton. Drusilla. Marion. Siloam.

Examined and approved as far as written

A. C. Miller, Moderator.

Charlotte N.C.
Oct 1872.

Adjourned meeting.
Charlotte N.C.
Oct. 11. 1872.

The Presbytery of Concord met in Charlotte N.C. at the call of the Moderator, Oct. 11th 1872. At 11 A.M.

The following ministers & ruling elders were present viz-

Ministers.	Churches.	Elders
J. Rankin.	Concord Town.	R. W. Allison
G. A. Gibbs	Poplar Tent	A. W. Johnston
E. J. Rockwell	Rocky River	J. A. Black
T. P. Johnston	Lenoir	C. W. Fancette
T. W. Paxton	Taylorsville	L. L. Howell
B. L. Beall	Sath Creek	Thos. McConly
J. Rumple	Fourth Creek	J. W. Bell
H. A. Penick	Bethesda	E. McNeely
Wm. P. Pharr	Newton	A. J. Sloop
W. A. Wood	Unity	E. Rice
J. B. Mack	Salisbury	Dr J. J. Summerell
G. A. McKinnon	Concord	J. A. Alexander
	College Ch.	Prof. W. J. Martin.

On motion the Trustees of Presbytery were directed to hold the Funds already collected, to collect all that has been subscribed & as much more as they can for the erection of a building for Religious & Educational purposes in Watauga Co.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Prospect Church on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath

Oct. Oct, 11. o'clk A.M.
Closed with prayer by the Moderator.
- William W. Sloan.
Stated Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting.
Prospect Church
Oct 17th 1872.

According to adjournment, the following members of Concord Presbytery met at Prospect Church Oct 17th 1872. 11 o'clk A.M. viz - Rev J. McKinnon Rev Wm. Sloan and T. F. Beaty ruling elder from Prospect Church.

They were led in prayer by the Moderator Rev J. McKinnon.

There not being a quorum, they adjourned to meet on the evening of the same day at 1 o'clock P.M. Closed with prayer.

Thursday evening 1 o'clk.

The same members met according to their own adjournment & were led in prayer by the Moderator Rev J. McKinnon.

There not being a quorum they adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10 o'clock A.M.

Closed with prayer.

Friday morning 10 o'clk.
Oct, 18, 1872.

The Presbytery of Concord met & was opened with prayer by the Moderator Rev J. McKinnon. The roll was made out & the following ministers & ruling elders were present. viz:-

Ministers - J. McKinnon, A. A. Pennick, & Wm. Sloan.

Ruling Elders - T. F. Beaty Prospect Church;
A. Goodman of Bethesda; Thos. McClung, Back Creek

Prospect Church, Oct 18th 1872.

Mr R. M. Tuttle the candidate for ordination and John. M. Davis candidate for licenture appeared before Presbytery for examination & trial.

On motion Presbytery proceeded to examine them together on Theology, Church History, Church Government & the Sacraments which was sustained as satisfactory. As Mr Davis had previously been examined on his literary course with a view to licenture; Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr Tuttle alone on his literary course which examination was sustained.

Rev Wm. Shaw & Ruling Elder T. F. Brady were appointed a committee to examine Messrs Tuttle & Davis on Hebrew & Greek during the hour of recess.

On motion Presbytery took recess for half an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The committee appointed to examine Messrs Tuttle & Davis on Hebrew & Greek, reported that they had examined them as well as their limited time would allow & recommended that their examination be sustained as satisfactory, which report was adopted.

On motion Rev Robt. Bradley was dismissed at his own request to connect himself with Harmony Presbytery S. C.

Presbytery proceeded to hear abstracts of the various trial pieces of Mr John. M. Davis Viz:- of his popular sermon on John 5:24. Lecture, Ps. 40.1-5-. Critical exercise on 1:1-10 & Textual exegesis. which were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

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Mr Tuttle stated to Presbytery that, unavoidable circumstances put it out of his power to prepare a sermon on the Text assigned him viz Titus 2:13.14. & requested that his text be changed to Luke 10:42. which request was granted. An abstract of his sermon on this text was heard & sustained as satisfactory part of trial.

The examination & trial of the candidates being sustained, Presbytery proceeded to license Mr John. M. Davis to preach the gospel as a probationer for the Holy ministry. After which, it was, Resolved that Presbytery proceede to the Ordination & installation of Mr Tuttle & that Rev W. A. Penick preside & propose the constitutional questions.

The constitutional questions being proposed by Rev W. A. Penick to the candidate & also to the congregation & answered in the affirmative; Romulus M. Tuttle was by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery solemnly ordained to the full work of the ministry & installed over the church of Prospect.

Rev Wm. Shaw then delivered the charge to the Pastor & Rev G. McKinnon delivered the charge to the people.

The committee appointed to visit Morganton church made the following report which was received & the recommendations thereof adopted:-

The committee appointed to visit Morganton church & remove irregularities existing in the church in said Town, report that only one member of said committee Viz: Rev G. M. Gibbs appeared at the time appointed Viz, the 1st of Oct. and that said member of the

Prospect Church, Oct 18. 1872.

Committee adjourned the congregation from the first to the 2nd of Oct, meeting for the remainder of the committee. On Wednesday the 2nd the congregation met & elected 3. ruling elders viz illiers Peyton Moore, Teague & Perkins. These persons are considering whether they will accept or not. The committee learn that 4. persons have been received on certificate & 8. on examination by the Stated Supply & another minister, members of them belonging to our Presbytery, & there being no session.

The reception of said members, though irregular, is approved by the committee. He further reports that the Church of Morganton has invited Rev R.B. Anderson to labor in that church another year, & the church desires him to give up the church at Newton.

The committee recommend that the Rev gentleman with Messrs R.L. Beall & A.J. Sagle, ruling elders, be directed to visit the church of Morganton, to ordain & install said ruling elders elect, if the way be clear, And provided neither, or not more than one, accepts, to call the congregation together, for a new election of Elders, & deacons. Said committee to act as soon as it is deemed by them advisable, & report at the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

J. Rumple, Ch.

Prospect Church, Oct. 18. 1872.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at Third Creek Church on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath of April 1873. 11. o'clock A.M.

Closed with prayer & the apostolic benediction

William H. Sloan.
Stated Clerk.

Third Creek Church April 17th 1878.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at Third Creek Church April 17th 1878. 11 o'clock A.M. and was opened with a Sermon by the retiring Moderator Rev Isaac McKinnon, from Luke 23:34. "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Opened. After Sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was made out & the following ministers & ruling elders were present viz:-

Ministers	Churches	Elders
Jesse Rankin	Fifth Creek	J. F. Houp
J. F. Johnston	Marion	J. B. Rankin
E. F. Rockwell	Franklin & Hyatt's	W. A. Thomason
T. N. Barton	Fourth Creek	R. A. Freeland
I. G. Shaw S.S.	Rocky River	J. L. Morrison
D. L. Beall	Concord Town	J. J. Allison
Wm. P. Shaw	Back Creek	Moses Single
W. A. Wood	Prospect	H. H. Gray
J. B. Black	Third Creek	Dr J. G. Ramsay
I. McKinnon	Amity	J. C. Foard
R. M. Tuttle.	Mocksville	Thom. Brown
	Bethesda	J. A. White
	Concord	J. H. Alexander
	Taylorsville	E. H. Simonson
	Morganton	E. F. Moore.

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Absentees.

Absent from the present meeting without excuse - Minister - D. A. Penick
Churches not represented - Centre & Bethphage
Bethel. Tabor. Shiloh. Salem. Wilkesboro.
Jefferson. Lenoir. Zenzilla. Siloam.

Mod, & Clerks.

Rev B. T. Beall was chosen Moderator & Rev R. M. Tuttle & J. Y. Allison ruling elder Temporary Clerks.

On motion Presbytery took recess until 2 o'Clock P. M.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

Minutes Read.

On motion the reading of the Minutes of the last Stated meeting was dispensed with.

The minutes of two adjourned meetings of this body held, the one at Charlotte N.C, & the other at Prospect Church, were read & approved.

Corresponding member

The Rev A. E. Chandler of Knoxville Presbytery Tenn, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of this body.

Reports of Temp. Supplies

The reports of temporary supplies were were read, from which it appeared that they had generally fulfilled their Presbyterial appointments.

Mr A Wood excused.

The Rev W. A. Wood rendered a satisfactory excuse for absence from the last Stated meeting of this Presbytery.

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66 & 9 excused.

The churches of Mocksville. Fifth Creek, Bethesda. Morganton & Marion, rendered satisfactory reasons for not having been represented at the last semi annual meeting.

The Moderator announced the following Committees viz -

Com. 4 Mod.

On Bills & Overtures - Rev S. C. Shaw A.M. & J. A. White, ruling elder.

Judicial Committee - Revs E. T. Rockwell & H. M. Gray, M.E.

Minutes of Synod - Rev L. McKinnon & Moses, Temple. M.E.

Narrative & Gen'l Assembly - Rev J. C. Mack & E. P. Moore, M.E.

Systematic Benevolence - Rev Jesse Rankin & J. C. Foard, M.E.

On Davidson College, to nominate Trustees - Rev Wm. Shaw & J. L. Morrison.

Sustentation, to review records & nominate new committee - Rev T. H. Johnston & J. F Hoyt, M.E.

On Sabbath Schools - Rev W. A. Wood & J. M. Alexander, M.E.

Devotional exercises - Dr J. F. Ramsay & Thomas Brown, ruling elders.

On Sessional Records of -
Rocky River
Poplar Tent & Concord Town } T. N. Paxton & E. P. Moore.

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Faculty of N. College a letter pom.

A communication from the Faculty of Davidson College requesting a change as to the time of electing Trustees of said College, if the same be clear, was read & referred to the committee on Davidson College.

N. Fk Presbt of Synod. Letter from.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of Synod calling the attention of this Presbytery to alleged delinquency in the payment of its assessment to Synod, was read & referred to a special committee consisting of Rev Jesse Rankin & E. H. Thomason.

J. McKachro Licentiate Transferred.

Mr Jno. M. Rosebro a licentiate of this Presbytery was, at his own request transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Lexington, Va.

Com on Finance.

Rev J. B. Mack & E. F. Moore, & E. were appointed a committee on Finance.

Order of day.

It was made the order of the day tomorrow morning at 10, o'clock, to hear Sessional Statistical reports, & the Narratives from the Churches on the State of Religion.

Rev W. A. Wood as principal with Rev J. Rumple alternate; and Ruling Elder Dr J. G. Ramsay as principal with S. F. Hall alternate, were elected Commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly to meet at Little Rock Ark.

Com's & Gen'l Assy.

Place of meeting.

Morganton was chosen as the place for the next semi-annual meeting of this Presbytery.

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Com's to Mod.

Com. Rev E. F. Rodgers & W. A. Thomason.
Bethphage, Centre College Church, Bethel, Salisbury & Thyatira

Com. Rev S. C. Shaw & H. M. Gray.
Mocksville, Tabor, Fifth Creek, Bethany, Bethsda & Fourth Creek

Com. Rev J. Rankin & J. C. Foard.
Franklin, Amity Back Creek, Third Creek, Concord, Shiloh & Salem

Com. Rev W. P. Shaw & Dr J. G. Ramsay.
Taylorsville Wilkesboro, Jefferson, Lenoir & Newton

Com. Rev W. A. Wood & Thomas Brown.
Morganton, Amiella, Mission, Siloam & Prospect.

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Order of the day.

On motion, it was made the first order of the day tomorrow evening after recess to take up the subject of the examination of The Book of Discipline.

The churches were called upon to answer whether they had taken up contributions for the Campinas Institute Brazil, in compliance with a resolution of this body to raise $100, for said Institute; from which it appeared that collections had been taken in nearly all the churches for this object, amounting in the aggregate to about $140. or $150,

Campinas Institute. Chs. Called on, & c.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Friday morning 9½ o'Clock April 18th 1873.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read & corrected.

Rev G. M. Gibbs appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness,

G. M. Gibbs appeared.

J. M. Raymer ruling elder from Newton appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.

Order of the day.

On motion, it was made the second order of the day after recess to hear a letter

from Rev S. C. Miller.

The committee appointed to visit Morganton Church to ordain & install certain elders elect, reported, that they had performed the duty, ordaining & installing two ruling elders in said Church,

Comm. to visit Morganton report.

The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery proceded accordingly, to hear the Statistical reports of Sessions, & the Narratives from the churches on the State of religion,

Reports of Sessions & Narratives.

On motion, the Narratives from the Churches were referred to the Committee on the Narrative for examination & report,

Col J. B. Rankin ruling elder from Marion, J. A. Gray ruling elder from Bethany & D. S. McCubbins ruling elder from Salisbury appeared in Presbytery, rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness & took their seats,

Rev D. S. Morton corresponding member.

The Rev D. S. Morton member of West Hanover Presbytery Va, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member,

The hour for devotional exercises having arrived, Presbytery took a recess of nine minutes to meet in the Session house,

After recess,

On motion, the order of the day was suspended, viz- the report on Sustentation; & the reading of Sessional Statistical reports, & the narratives from the Churches continued,

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Com. on Devotional Exercises Report.

The committee on Devotional Exercises offered the following, which was rec'd & approved, viz. The committee on Devotional Exercises respectfully recommend that the first half hour of Presbytery on tomorrow morning be devoted to Religious Exercises.

2. That the Rev W. A. Wood administer the Sacrament of Baptism to such as may apply tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, and that immediately thereafter, a Sermon be preached by Rev J. B. Mack.

Com. { J. S. Ramsay & Thos. Brown

Com. to audit acct of Treasr.

On motion, J. L. McCubbins ruling elder, was added to the committee on Finance, and Rev P. H. Gibbs & Col. J. B. Rankin appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery.

Com. to organize a Church at Hickory Station Report.

The committee appointed to organize a Church at Hickory Station reported. That on the 18th day of March last, they organized a Church at Hickory Station in Catawba Co, of 15 members, & ordained two elders & installed three (one of them having been ordained) in said Church, & recommended that the name of the Church be "Gibbs Mission"

This report was accepted & adopted & the name of the Church enrolled.

W. A. Wood Clk

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Place & Time of next meeting.

On motion, the vote selecting Morganton as the place for the next stated meeting of this body, was reconsidered; and Hickory Station was chosen as the place, & Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in Sept. next at 11 o'clock A. M. as the time, for the next semi-annual meeting of this Presbytery.

Com. on Minutes of Synod Report.

The committee on the Minutes of Synod offered the following report which was accepted & the recommendations adopted in relation viz:-

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of Synod, submit the following:-

1. On page 11. On Publication, We find the following viz:

'Resolved, That the Synod of North Carolina heartily recommends to all the Presbyteries composing this Synod, that may not already have taken such action:-

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2. To employ a Colporteur to circulate the Books of our Publication Committee within their respective limits.'

In compliance with this recommendation of Synod; Your committee would

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recommend
the following:-
1. That this Presbytery do now appoint a Colporteur to circulate the Books of our Committee of Publication in our bounds
2. In view of the fact, that the whole amount contributed by the Churches of this Presbytery last year, was appropriated to the Endowment Fund of Publication; this Presbytery will appropriate during the present year to this object, as much of the Publication fund, as may be necessary to furnish an outfit & support to said Colporteur.
3. That the outfit & support be a horse, & a salary of not less than $25 per month.
4. That Rev T. H. Johnston be appointed said Colporteur.

Com. on Ministry & Synod. Report.

Further. On page 13. On Sabbath Schools. We find the following:-
That the Presbyteries be urged to appoint Sab. School Agents to stimulate the Churches to greater diligence in this work, & to gather full & accurate statistics. This agt. should see that every Church Session is provided annually with suitable blanks for their reports.
In compliance with this resolution of Synod Your committee would recommend that this Presbytery do now appoint Rev R. M. Tuttle said Agent.

Rev R. M. Tuttle Sab. School Agt.

Rev Geo. McFarland
Com. Messrs. Lindsley

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Colportage Com.

On motion, Rev J. B. Mack, Rev Geo. McFarland & J. B. Allison ruling elder, were constituted a committee on Colportage, to superintend this work within our bounds.
Hezekiah Cannon ruling elder from Poplar Tent Church, appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.
On motion, Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met.
The report of the committee of Sustentation was read & approved.

Back Creek Supply.

Permission was granted to Back Creek Church to employ the ministerial services of Rev A. E. Chandler of Knoxville Presbytery Tenn. as stated supply for one year, from Feb. 1st 1873 to Feb. 1st 1874, at a salary of $400. & one years provision, for the whole of his time.

Com. on Sessional Records, Report

The committee to examine the Sessional records of Franklin, Back Creek, Third Creek, Unity, Concord, Shiloh & Salem, made a report which was adopted.
The committee to examine the Sessional records of Rocky River & Poplar Tent made a report recommending their approval, for the most part, as far as written; which was adopted & the exceptions ordered to be recorded on the respective books.

On motion, it was made the first order of the day tomorrow morning, to hear reports on Sessional Records.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Book, made a report, which was re-committed to the committee.

The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery proceeded accordingly, to take up the subject of the examination of 'The Book of Discipline'; whereupon, the following was unanimously adopted viz:-

Book of Discipline Report.

1. We decline to adopt the Revised Book of Discipline.

2. We request the Genl. Assembly, if deemed proper, to send down to the Presbyteries the principal changes embodied in the Revised Book of Discipline separately, & as amendments to the present Book.

Report of Comm. on Treasurer's acct.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Account made the following report which was received & adopted:-

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account report, that they have examined the book, found it correctly & neatly kept, and sustained by proper vouchers, & recommend its approval;

; and find the following amounts contributed viz:-

To Instruction	$126.95
" For Missions	$67.60
" Relief Fund	$ 8.35
" Education	$164.71
" Publication	$102.00
" Commissioner's Fund	$20.32
" Campinas Fund	$18.35
" Evangelist Fund	$7.55
Total	$923.81

Letter from Rev. W. C. Miller Read & Referred to Comm.

The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery proceeded accordingly to hear a letter from Rev. W. C. Miller giving a touching account of his low state of health; his anticipations of a speedy removal from earth; and enumerating many kind favors conferred, under the good hand of God, by sympathizing friends; & expressing it as his only remaining anxiety to leave a home for his family.

On motion, this letter was referred to a committee consisting of Rev James Rankin Rev. G. McKinnon & J. B. Boyman, M.E.; with directions to examine into the expediency of securing a home for the family of Rev W. C. Miller; and, if found expedient, to suggest

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the best possible means for raising the amount necessary at the earliest day.

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this body was granted to Rev E. H. Gibbs & Theophilus Brannon ruling elder from Poplar Tent.

Report of Com. on Sustentation Comm'n. read.

The committee on the records of the Sustentation Committee offered the following report which was adopted, viz:—

Sus. Com.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Sustentation Committee, report, that they have examined the same & recommend their approval; & also recommend that the same individuals who now compose the Sustentation committee be continued for the next year.

Historical Sketch of 4th Creek.

Rev E. F. Rockwell appointed hereto read to some length an Historical Sketch of Fourth Creek Church; when the further reading of it was suspended until tomorrow morning.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9½ o'clock Closed with prayer.

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Saturday morning 9½ o'clock April 19th 1873.

Presbytery met & spent the first half hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday were read & corrected.

Report on Sessional Records.

The committee on the sessional records of Bethphage, Centre, College church, Salisbury, & Thyatira made a report which was amended & adopted, & the exceptions recorded on the respective books to which they were taken.

Thyatira Exception.

The case of irregular process noticed in the records of Thyatira Church, was made an exception; & the church session directed to proceed in the future according to our Book.

Report on Sess. Records

The committee to examine the records of Prospect, Olivia & Lebanon made a report which was adopted, & the exception recorded on the book to which the exception was taken.

The committee to examine the sessional records of Millsboro, Lenoir, Newton & Taylorsville made a report which was adopted, & the exception recorded on the book to which it was taken.

B. G. Clifford Licentiate. Returned &c.

Mr B. G. Clifford a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, informed Presbytery that he had accepted a position as teacher in the Rutledge Seminary &, Ga; gave reasons

for so doing & requested permission to continue there during the present year.

B. T. Clifford resolution

Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted :- Resolved, That B. T. Clifford licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, be instructed to put himself in communication with our Committee of Sustentation: and in case the party to whom he is now obligated consents to the change; the Committee will make efforts to secure him a field of labor.

Sys. Benevolence

The committee on Systematic Benevolence made a report which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

Permission to organize a Church near Concord.

Permission was granted Rev Messrs J. B. Mack, Jr. McKinnon & J. T. Allison, A. E. to organize a Church East of Concord Town in Cabarrus Co. if the way be clear.

Bethesda supply.

Permission was granted Bethesda Church to employ the ministerial services of Rev E. F. Rockwell as stated supply for one year from Jan. 1st 1874. to Jan. 1st 1874. at a salary of $200. for one third of his time.

Adjourned meeting in Concord.

On motion Presbytery took recess of five minutes to meet in the Session house.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

It was resolved. That when this Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet in the Church of Concord Town on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in June next at 11 o'clock A.m.

Resolution on Colportage. Treasurer instructed.

On motion, it was resolved, That all the funds coming into the hands of the Treasurer up to the 1st of May next, for Publication; shall be used for Colportage purposes.

J. J. Allison to settle with Estate of Mrs White of R. River

J. J. Allison ruling Elder was empowered to settle with the estate of Mrs Jane White deceased, of Rocky River.

Treasurer instructed.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to settle with Rev B. T. Beall for his past services as Evangelist of this Presbytery.

College Ch. supply.

Permission was granted to College Church to employ the ministerial services of Rev. Messrs J. M. Anderson, Charles Phillips & A. E. & J. E. Latimer for one year, upon the terms mutually agreed upon by the parties.

Reports of Churches

The committee to whom were referred the narratives from the churches reported the following exceptions; viz:-

Unity - 1. Did not contribute to the Invalid Fund. 2. Do not pay the Expenses of their delegate

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To the church courts.

Bethany - 1. They have no prayer meetings. 2. Have no deacons.

Back Creek - Have not contributed to each of the benevolent causes ordered by the Genl. Assy.

Labor - 1. Have not paid the expenses of their delegate to church courts. 2. Have not contributed to all the benevolent causes.

Concord - Have failed to contribute to the benevolent causes ordered by the Genl. Assembly.

Fifth Creek - Have not paid expenses of delegate.

Siloam - Same.

Third Creek - The same.

Poplar Tent - 1. Have no prayer meetings. 2. Do not promptly fulfill covenant engagements in matter of salary.

Bethphage - The same.

Centre - The same.

Bethesda - 1. The elders do not hold services in the church in the ministers absence. 2. Do not fulfill covenant engagements in matter of salary. 3. Do not pay the expenses of delegates to the church courts. Rev. W. K. Mack

The report was adopted. E. W. Moore, R.E.

Report of Com. on Education.

The committee on Education made a report which was accepted & Resolutions 2, 3, & appended thereto, adopted, & resolution 1st referred to the committee on Education.

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The resolutions are as follows:-

1st Resolved. That J. L. Towell be continued on our list of beneficiaries, & that his request to remain in Texas, be granted, subject however to the order of the Educational Committee. But that Mr Towell be directed to deposit his money as it accumulates with our Presbyterial Treasurer, until it amounts to as much as he has already drawn from Presbytery.

2nd That $100. of the balance on hand be sent to the Genl. Assembly's committee at Richmond.

3d That while we earnestly pray for an increase of laborers, & while we call upon all the brethren to encourage all suitable young men to enter the ministry; still, because of the peculiar circumstances of the country, & warned by the sad experience of other branches of the church; this Presbytery deem it wise to be very faithful in the trials, & examinations of its candidates when taking them under its care, & will endeavor to be strictly conscientious in excluding those who do not give good evidence that they are called of the Master.

A. A. Penick (Clerk)

Com. on Narratives from Churches Report.

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Rev S. C. Thom

Dissolution of pastoral relation asked,

Sess'n & Cl'k instructed to cite Thyatira

Com. to visit 5th Creek. Report.

Com. to visit 5th Creek.

Rev S. C. Thom asked Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself & the Church of Thyatira.
Whereupon, the Stated Clerk was ordered to issue the regular citations to the Church of Thyatira to appear, by their commissioners, at the adjourned meeting of this body to be held at Concord Town on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in June next, to show cause, if any there be, why the relation should not be dissolved.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev J. McKinnon, & J. S. McCubbins, W. A. Thomason, Thomas Brown & E. M. Stimson ruling elders.

The committee appointed to visit Fifth Creek Church to remove difficulties existing therein, made a report which accepted & the committee discharged.
On motion, a new committee was raised to visit said church to remove, if possible, the existing difficulties, consisting of -

Rev J. D. Mack
" S. A. Fennell &
W. L. Harris
J. J. Allison ruling elder.

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Report of Com. on Sess. Records.

Com. to nominate Trustees for D. College

Report.

Treasurer instructed.

The committee appointed to examine the sessional records of Fourth Creek, Bethany, Tabor, Fifth Creek, & Bethesda, made a report recommending their approval, which was adopted.

The committee on Davidson College, made the following report, which was adopted; viz:-
The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College, would report recommending the following:-
That the Standing rule of this Presbytery to elect Trustees for Davidson College during its regular Spring sessions, be repealed; & that hereafter it shall be the Standing rule of this Presbytery to elect Trustees for said College at its regular Fall sessions.
And that the Class of 1869 be continued until the Fall of 1873, & the Class of 1870, be continued until the Fall of 1874, & the Class of 1871, be continued until the Fall of 1875, & that the Class of 1872, be continued until the Fall of 1876.

Com { Rev Wm. Thom
J. G. Allison, R. E.

The following resolution was adopted:-
Resolved, That the Treasurer of Presbytery be requested to have published quarterly in the North Carolina Presbyterian, a full statement of all the funds contributed by the Churches of this Presbytery

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To the various objects to which contributions are made, each Church to be placed opposite the amount given by it respectively.

J. Rumple excused.

A written excuse for absence from the present meeting of Presbytery was read from Rev J. Rumple, & sustained.

Com. on Sab. Schools report.

The committee on Sabbath Schools made a report which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev S. C. Pharr 19,20.

J. C. Kennedy to visit Ch's

J. C. Kennedy licentiate, was directed to visit, at discretion, the Churches of Unity, Third Creek, & Clarksville.

Dismission was granted Rev C. L. Beall to labor at Taylorsville.

Letter of Rev S. C. Millers Com. Report.

The committee to whom the letter from Rev S. C. Millen was referred made the following report, which, as amended, was adopted; viz:-

The committee appointed to consider & report on the communication of the Rev S. C. Millen respectfully submit the following:-

We recommend that Presbytery having heard that $900. was probably secured to purchase a home for the family of Rev S. C. Millen, that this Presbytery obligates to raise the remaining amount, said amount, not to exceed $300.

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Com. Rev S. C. Millen

2. That a special Committee be appointed to superintend this matter in behalf of this Presbytery.

3. That A. Caldwell McIntosh, T. A. Watts & J. M. Brandon constitute said committee.

Ch's to take up Collection.

4. That the Churches be directed to take up a collection for this object before the first Sabbath in June next, or as soon thereafter as practicable, & forward their collections to A. A. Davis Treasurer, subject to the order of the committee: and that the Treasurer be requested to report progress at the adjourned meeting of this body to be held at Concord Town in June next.

Treasurer reported.

Com. { Rev J. Rankin, " S. Caldwell Winsmore & J. N. Rayner, R.E.

Presbytery took recess of one hour to meet in the Session house.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

Leave of absence was granted to W. M. Gray, R.E.

Com. on Finance Report.

The committee on Finance made the following report which was accepted; viz:-

The Finance Committee beg leave to report that the amount of money paid to us during the present sessions of this Presbytery is as follows:-

For Sustentation -- $119.57
" Education -- $170.78
" Publication -- $141.71

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" Foreign Missions - - - $ 211.11.
" Invalid Fund - - $ 59.09.
" Commissioners Fund - - $148.85
" Campinas Fund - $ 16.00.

(signed) J. B. Mack
J. S. McCutchins
E. F. Moore.

Treasur instructed to pay com's

The Treasurer was ordered to advance to our Commissioners to the Genl. Assembly as much money as may be necessary to defray their expenses.

Res. of Thanks

The following resolution was adopted:-
Resolved. That the thanks of this Presbytery be & hereby are tendered to the Third Creek Congregation for their kindness & hospitality to the members of this body during their present sessions; & that this resolution be read from the pulpit.

Com. on Narrative report.

The committee on the Narrative to the Genl. Assembly made a report which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Com. { Rev J. B. Mack.
C. F. Moore. R. E.

Mc. Clk. instructed to print Minutes.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to have 300 copies of the Minutes of the present sessions of this Presbytery printed, for the use of its ministers. Elders & Deacons

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Com. on letter from Stated Clk of Synod.

The committee to whom was referred a communication from the Stated Clerk of Synod, calling the attention of Presbytery to alleged delinquency in the payment of its assessment to Synod; made the following report which was accepted & adopted; viz:-

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Stated Clerk of Synod, make the following report:- We find it difficult to make any definite report in the absence of documentary information on the subject to which said communication refers, i.e. certain arrearages said to be due from this Presbytery to Synod.

We find from the printed Minutes of Synod that this Presbytery is assessed $37.50; & we find from the books of our Treasurer, that no evidence appears that this assessment has been paid the last year.

Treasur instructed to pay assessment of Synod.

We recommend that our Treasurer be directed to pay over said amount ($37.50) to the Treasurer of Synod immediately out of funds in his hands available for that purpose.

(Signed) J. Rankin
C. M. Stevenson

Messrs J. M. Graham & A. F. Hall were permitted to speak in reference to dissolving the pastoral relation between Thyatira Church & Rev. A. C. Dunn D.D.

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Rev S.C. Pharr
Remonstrance
Comm appointed

On motion. The following resolution was adopted, viz- Whereas it is said, that rumors are afloat touching the character of Rev S. C. Pharr D.D. Therefore- Be it Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the matter & report whether it is such as require the further attention of this Presbytery; & that said committee report at the adjourned meeting of this body, to be held at Concord Town June next.

Rev J. B. Black, Rev E. F. Rockwell & Moses, Lingle ruling elder, were appointed said Committee to execute the requirements of this paper.

Historical Sketch of 4th Creek
Rev E. F. R.

The Historical Sketch of Fourth Creek Church prepared by Rev E. F. Rockwell, was accepted, & the thanks of this Presbytery tendered to him for the Offering.

Rev J. B. Black & prepare Sketch of R. River ch

Rev J. B. Black was appointed to prepare an Historical Sketch of Rocky River Church for this Presbytery.

The committee to examine the Sessional records of Rocky River & Concord Town, made a report, which was adopted.

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adjourned

The minutes of today's sessions were read & approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Church of Concord Town on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in June next, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Closed with singing, prayer, & the apostolic benediction.

Wm. S. Pharr, Stated Clerk

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Appendix.

No. 1.

Narrative to the Genl. Assembly.

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully report to the General Assembly that, we have reason to thank God for the spiritual blessings of the past year. At least one third of our churches have been blessed with refreshing seasons of grace. The attendance upon the services of the sanctuary has been encouraging.

Sabbath Schools & Bible Classes have been established in nearly all our congregations, & several interesting Mission Schools have been organized.

Our churches have grown in the grace of giving; are more prompt in paying the salaries of our ministers, & more punctual in paying the expenses of delegates to our church courts.

Three of our churches have furnished their pastors with parsonages, & others are endeavoring to do the same.

In some places our people have done a good work among the colored people, & there is much missionary spirit manifested by our ministers.

While however, there has been progress during the past year, much, very much remains to be

done ere we can attain the grace character which should be possessed by those who are the Children of God.

No 2.

Sylimatic Benevolence.

The report of Concord Presbytery to the Genl. Assembly, for the year ending April, 1873:—

Objects	No. of contributing Churches	Amounts
Incalcid Fund	15. Chs. contributed	$ 590.09.
Education	22. " "	$ 1269.99
Sustentation	28. " "	$ 819.05
Publication	22. " "	$ 322.01
Foreign Missions	21. " "	$ 725.90
Miscellaneous	22. " "	$ 1605.77.
Total	28.	$ 4314.81.

18. Churches have contributed to all the five objects ordered by the Genl Assembly; 7 have contributed to 4 of them; 1, to three of them; 4 to two of them; 3 to one of them; & 3 to none of them, so far as reported.

No 3. Statistical report on Sab. Schools to the Genl. Assembly for the year ending April 1. 1873.

Names of Schools.	No. on roll. Teachers	No. on roll. Scholars	Av. Attendance. Teachers	Av. Attendance. Scholars	Income. Teachers	Income. Scholars	Expenses. Teachers	Expenses. Scholars	Added to Ch. Teachers	Added to Ch. Scholars	Amt. Contributed. For Foreign Missions	Amt. Contributed. For Education
Rocky River	18	175	14	115	0	0	0	0	0	8	$20.	0
Davidson College	7	40	7	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.	35.
Taylorsville	7	40	7	34	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Newton	6	30	6	30	0	0	0	10	6	6	2.50	0
Unity	6	30	6	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Concord Town	12	37	15	70	0	0	0	0	1	4	116.	0
Marion	3	12	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statesville	15	126	12	88	5	70	0	0	0	6	45.	3.50
Bethlehem	7	45	3	25	1	5	0	0	0	4	4.50	0
Salisbury	18	120	16	88	3	3	0	0	0	2	52.	14.70
Third Creek	15	75	15	60	0	0	0	0	0	6	4.50	0
Prospect	10	70	10	70	0	0	0	0	0	3.	0	0
[illegible]	5	50	5	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lenoir	12	72	12	52	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	6.40
Fifth Creek	6	52	6	40	0	8	0	5	0	0	11.	0
Back Creek	6	60	6	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Centre	5	40	5	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.	2.50
Poplar Tent	6	50	6	50	0	0	0	8	0	12	0	0
Tot. 18	174	1274	144	966	7	86	0	27	7	52	306.	66.

Remarks: Only 18 of our 33 Churches have made regular Sab. School reports viz. the above. We find however, from the Statistical reports, that 26 report Sab. Schools, making in the aggregate 1546 Children in our Sab. Schools. The books used in these Schools, are principally the books prepared by our committee at Richmond.

Presbyterial report of Concord Presbytery to the Genl, The Presbytery reports to the Genl, Assembly that it consists and 8 Candidates, Viz:-

Assembly to sit at Little Rock Ark, May 1878.
of 16 Ministers, and has under its care 38 Churches, 6 Evangelists

Ministers Evangelists and Candidates.	Post Offices	Churches	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Baptized, Adults.	Baptized Infants.	Children in Sab. Schools.	Sab. Collection	Fam. Missions	Education	Hab. Missions	Freedmen	Pastor's Salary Actually Paid	Congregational	Miscellaneous
Jesse Rowland A.	Lenoir N.C.	Lenoir P.	6	1	57	3	3	72	47.	89	332	0	25-	331	35-	141.
David Lindley F.M.	Fort Natal, S. Africa.	Shiloh "	0	0	58	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
D. F. Johnston D.M.	Morganton N.C.	Drusilla S.S.	2	0	12	-	-	0	1.	1	1	1	-	-	30	-
	Davidson College "	College Church S.S.	1	1	54	0	3	75-	50	55-	30	30	30	150	0	16.
E. F. Rockwell S.S.	Cool Spring "	Fifth Creek S.S.	2	6	75-	0	6	52	3	0	1	3	0	200.	0	5-
	Amity Hill "	Bethula S.S.	2	2	20	-	5-	0	12	0	0	3	0	135.	0	7.
D. A. Saxton P.	Marion "	Marion P.	1	1	38	0	2	12	32	11	12	3	5-	175-	54	8
	Marion "	Siloam S.S.	0	0	45-	0	5	40	5-	7	2	8	5-	100.	0	271.
G. M. Gibbs S.S.	Hickory Station "	Gibbs Mission S.S.	0	0	15-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0
	Stony Point "	Salem V.	1	0	30	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. McMillan M.D.	Fancy Hill "	Concord V.	2	1	187	0	13.	74-	0	22	4.	-	0	164	18.	11.
A. C. Shaw M.D.	Salisbury "	Thyatira P.	8	0	144	0	15-	100	5-	4	4	2	0	268	7.	12.
	Salisbury "	Franklin P.	28	4	111.	4	13.	0	6	0	3.	0	0	211.	9	0
C. S. Beall S.M.	Lenoir "	Taylorsville S.S.	4	0	67	0	1	40	30	10	10	14	7	300	25-	11.
	Jefferson "	Jefferson "	4	0	10	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jethro Rumple V	Salisbury "	Salisbury P.	4	5-	104	1	8	135-	75	39	960	15-	45-	1300	4[illegible]	1275-
	Mocksville "	Mocksville "	0	0	28	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. A. Penick P.	Concord "	Poplar Tent P.	16	2	185-	1	13.	50	34	37	182	10	9	800	191	36.
	Newton "	Newton S.S.	7	3	33.	1	3	30	12	10	10	5-	5-	234	35-	14
Wm. M. Shaw P.	Mt. Mourne "	Centre P.	2	0	115-	0	2	40	19	20	10	5-	3-	293	14	19.
	" "	Bethlehem P.	4	0	150	0	6	45-	16	15-	5-	1.	4	264	10	25-

Presbyterial report of Concord Presbytery to Continued:-

Ministers Licentiates and Candidates	Post Offices	Churches.
W. A. Wood P.	Mabenille N.C.	Fourth Creek P.
	Cool Spring "	Bethany S.S.
J. B. Mack P.	Harris Depot "	Rocky River P.
	Morganton "	Morganton S.S.
Luther McKinnon P.	Concord "	Concord Town P.
	Rowan Mills "	Third Creek P.
16. R. M. Tuttle P.	Mooresville "	Prospect P.
3. Licentiates	Mt Ulla "	Back Creek S.S.
J. C. Kennedy	Mt. Mourne "	Unity P.
B. S. Clifford	Reidsville N.C.	Wilkesboro P.
J. N. Davis	Salisbury N.C.	Tabor P.
8. Candidates	Davidson College "	Bethel P.
		Total 33.

the Genl. Assembly to sit at Little Rock Ark.

Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Total of Communicants.	Baptized Adults	Baptized Infants	Children in Sab. School	Sustentation	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Annuity Fund	Pastor's Salary Paid.	Congregational	Miscellaneous.
7	7	157	-	6	126	56	27	44	0	40	325-	120	40
1	1	74	0	0	20	8	6	4	5-	0	100	0	0
14	4	352	3	13	175-	190	128	89	129	65-	1374	1339	0
6	8	70	2	7	37	44	42	27	20	30	600	267	71.
10	12	160	0	11	87	37	68	170	58	10	1000	1047.	16.
8	6	115	-	-	75-	8	7	4	4	2	165-	75-	10
6	1	317	1	20	114	36	13	10	5-	5-	116	59	0
5-	0	88	0	3	60	15-	0	0	10	0	209	17	7
2	0	90	0	4	40	8	20	4	6	0	160	0	10
0	0	21	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-
-	0	30	0	-	50	-	-	-	0	-	150	75-	0
0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
146	65-	3058	20	149	1550	787.	701	1927	334	292	75-2	3984	1840

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk.

Concord Town. May 28th 1873.

Adjourned meeting.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, in Concord Town May 28th 1873. and was opened with prayer by Rev D. McKinnon. the last Mod. present.

The roll was made out & the following ministers & ruling elders were present. viz:-

Ministers.	Elders	Churches.
A. C. Flinn D.D.	J. S. Morrison	Rocky River
J. Kennedy	J. F. Allison	Concord Town
M. A. Penick	Dr J. J. Summerell	Salisbury
D. McKinnon	A. L. Caldwell	Poplar Tent.
R. M. Tuttle	H. M. Gray	Prospect.
Wm W. Flinn		
J. S. Mack		

Rev R. M. Tuttle & J. F. Allison ruling elder acted as Temporary Clerks.

Mr John W. Davis a licentiate of this Presbytery presented himself for ordination as one Evangelist with a view of entering upon the Foreign Missionary work.

On motion, Presbytery proceeded to examine him on Experimental religion, and Philosophy - Natural, Moral & Mental; which examinations were sustained as satisfactory parts of Trial.

Presbytery then took recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

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After recess,

Presbytery met,

It was made the first order of the day this evening after recess to hear the trial sermon of Mr Davis; and immediately thereafter, to ordain him to the full work of an Evangelist, if the way be clear; and that Rev J. Rample preside, preach the ordination sermon, deliver the charge, & propose the constitutional questions,

J. W. Davis Examined.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr Davis on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government and the Sacraments, which examinations were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial,

The committee on Languages was directed to examine Mr Davis on the Greek & Hebrew languages this evening during recess.

Rev S. A. Fenick & Rev J. B. Mack were added temporarily to the committee for this purpose,

Burton corresponding member

Rev S. R. Burton of the Methodist. E. Ch. South, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member,

Committee report.

The committee appointed to visit Thyatira Church & inquire into certain rumors touching the good name of Rev S. C. Pharr D.D. made a report which was received, & after some discussion, was referred to a special com,

consisting of Rev Messrs J. B. Mack, J. Rample, S. A. Fenick, and ruling Elders Z. M. Gray, A. S. Caldwell,

Leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted to Rev S. C. Pharr & Dr J. J. Summerell ruling Elder, after the present session.

Committee from Thyatira.

The commissioners from Thyatira Church were called on to show reasons, if any there be, why the pastoral relation existing between Rev S. C. Pharr D.D. & said Church should not be dissolved,

Pastoral relation dissolved Rev Pharr & Thyatira,

On motion said pastoral relation was dissolved at the request of the pastor, and Rev R. H. Tuttle was directed to visit Thyatira Church as soon as practicable & preach a sermon & declare said Church vacant,

Tuttle to preach,

Presbytery then took recess until 8, o'clock this evening,

After recess.

Presbytery met,

Trial sermon J. W. Davis Ap.

The trial sermon of Mr J. W. Davis was heard & sustained as satisfactory part of trial

The committee on Languages reported that they had examined Mr Davis on the Greek & Hebrew Languages & recommended that the examination be sustained, which was adopted,

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On motion the examination of Mr Davis on the various parts of trial was sustained as a whole.

Presbytery then proceeded to the ordination of Mr Davis. Rev J. Rumple presided & preached the ordination sermon, delivered the charge to the candidate & proposed the constitutional questions; after which J. W. Davis was solemnly ordained to the full work of an Evangelist by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery,

J. W. Davis ordained as an Evangelist.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9. o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning 9. o'clk
May 29th

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer by Rev William W. Shaw

Rev J. Rumple was appointed Treasurer pro tem

The following resolution was adopted viz:- Whereas a number of the churches have failed to pay their assessment to the Commissioner's fund, & others have paid only in part; Therefore — 1st Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to write to the delinquent churches & State the amount

Treasurer to write to the delinquent churches.

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each one is due & urge them to the immediate payment of the same.

2. That the Stated Clerk notify the Treasurer of this action of Presbytery,

St'd Clk.

The committee to whom the report of the investigating committee (in the case of Dr Shaw) was referred, made the following report viz:-

The committee recommend that a special committee be appointed to investigate the rumors concerning Rev S. C. Shaw D.D. and table charges as far as the circumstances of the case demand, Said committee to report at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held in Thyatira Church on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in July at 10, o'clock a.m.

Com. to investigate Rumors & Table Charges in Case of Dr Shaw.

This report was adopted & the following committee appointed to execute its requirements viz:-

Rev J. B. Mack
Rev J. Rumple, and
M. S. Caldwell
H. M. Gray
& Moss. Tingle, Ewing Elders.

Commissioners from Thyatira.

The commissioners from Thyatira Church were permitted to make statements in view of a request, on their part, to reconsider the action of Presbytery dissolving the pastoral relation between Dr. Shaw & the Thyatira Church,

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Dr Wyatt's corresponding member.

Rev Wm Mack D.D. of North Alabama Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery took recess until 11½ o. clock A.m.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

The Sustentation committee offered the following which, as amended, was adopted; viz:-

Sus. Report.

The Sustentation Committee after a careful consideration of the present condition of the vacant churches and destitute portions of the Presbytery, feel called upon to make the following recommendations; viz:-

Election of an Evangelist

1st That Presbytery proceed at once to elect an Evangelist.

Sus. com. to superintend work of Evangelist.

2nd That Rev J. B. Mack be that Evangelist; & that he be offered for his services ($1500) fifteen hundred dollars per annum in quarterly instalments.

3d That it be the duty of this Evangelist to visit our vacant churches; holding meetings at each- to interest himself in securing pastors for said churches & otherwise advance their interests, as he may see & be needed.

4th That in order to raise the $1500.

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for the Evangelists Salary, we call upon all the churches to respond heartily in a liberal support to this important work. And while we hope that all will give according to the promptings of a liberal heart, we suggest that the vacant churches also reap the benefit of the Evangelists labors, endeavor to give a double portion, feeling it to be their duty & privilege not only to join with the other churches in making a general contribution to this cause, but to pay something in addition thereto towards the payment of services actually rendered.

On this connection the following resolution was adopted: viz:-

Resolved. That the subject of the support of the Evangelist be referred to the Sustentation Committee, with instructions to bring the whole subject before the churches, & to secure from them, as soon as practicable a pledge of the sums which they are willing to contribute to this object.

Supplies.

The following report on Supplies, was offered & adopted viz:-

The committee on Supplies recommend that Rev W. A. Wood be directed to preach at discretion; at Concord Church-

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Rev J. Rankin preach one Sabbath at Millsboro.

Rev E. F. Rockwell one Sabbath at Mocksville.

Supplies. That Rev A. E. Chandler be requested to preach one Sabbath each at Third Creek & Unity.

Rev W. A. Wood one Sabbath each at Yadkin Mission & Elkin.

And that Prof. J. M. Anderson be requested to preach one Sabbath at Bethel.

J. Rumple Ch,

Leave of absence, Leave of absence was granted the Revs Wm P. Shaw, J. Rumple, R. M. Tuttle, D. A. Penick and Ruling Elders W. M. Gray J. L. Morrison & D. S. Caldwell.

Presbytery took recess until 9. o'clock P. M.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

S. T. Martin received, A certificate of dismissal of Rev S. Taylor Martin from West Lexington Presbytery Va. was read; whereupon he was examined, received & his name enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

Adjourned to Thyatira. On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Thyatira Church on Wednesday before the second (2nd) Sabbath in July at 10. o'clock, a.m.

Closed with prayer & the Apostolic benediction

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk

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Adjourned meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, at Thyatira Church July 9th 1878 10. o'Block A. M.

The last Moderator being absent Rev E. F Rockwell was elected Moderator & Rev R. H. Tuttle & J. B. Allison ruling Elder acted as temporary clerks.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was made out & the following ministers & ruling elders were present; viz:

Ministers.	Elders	Churches
E F. Rockwell	J. C. McCutchen	Salisbury
L. McKinnon	Robt. McPherson	Centre.
J. Rumple	A. C. Alexander	Rocky River
Wm. P. Ham	H. M. Gray	Prospect
S. C. Ham sen	J. B. Allison	Concord Town
J. B. Mack	W. A. Thompson	Franklin
R. H. Tuttle.	J. F. Lillington	Thyatira
	Thos. McConnell	Back Creek.

The minutes of an adjourned meeting held at Concord Town were read & approved.

Rev P. H. Dalton of Orange Presbytery & Rev A. E. Chandler of Enoxville Presbytery Tenn. being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

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Rev F. H. Dalton was invited to address the Presbytery on the subject of his agency for Davidson College.

The committee appointed to further investigate the rumors concerning Rev J. C. Sloan D.D. & table charges as far as the circumstances of the case demand, made the following report which was received & adopted; viz;-

Report of com. to Table Charges against Rev J.C. Sloan.

The committee appointed to investigate the rumors concerning Rev J. C. Sloan D.D. and table charges against him if the way be clear; would make the following report; to wit;

After a careful examination of said rumors we do recommend that the Rev J.C. Sloan D.D. be tried by this Presbytery upon the following charges & specifications; to wit:

Charges & specifications.

Charge II. Violation of the 4th Commandment.

Specification (1) Asking for & receiving money from Mr J. F. Carrigan on, or about Feb 11th 1872.

(2) Offering to settle a bill of hauling on, or about Feb 11. 1872.

(3) Disposing of a cow to Mr B. F. Poteet on, or about Feb 11th 1872.

(4) Attempting to cheat Mr J. M. Harrison his agent in worldly business, or to collect money from

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him on, or about, Jan 28th 1872.

(5) Receiving money from Mr S. Trott, & paying it to Mrs Torrance on Sabbaths days in 1872 & 1873.

(6) Frequent & prolonged conversations about financial affairs of a worldly nature on Sabbaths in 1872 & 1873.

Witnesses- J. F. Carrigan. B. F. Poteet. Newton Poteet. J. M. Harrison. J. L. Sloan, Scott Trott. J. H. Graham. N. F. Wall. Moses Temple.

Charges Rev J.C.S.

Charge II. Violation of the 9th Commandment.

Specification 1, Asserting in Presbytery on May 28th 1873. that it was the custom to pay worldly debts in Thyatira on the Sabbath.

(2) Asserting in Presbytery on May 28th 1873 that Mr J. F. Carrigan paid him some Church money on Feb 11th 1872.

(3) Giving false reason why Mrs Kuder agreed to pay the $12. previously returned to her.

Witnesses. N. L. Caldwell. Jotham Miller. J. B. Gibson. N. F. Wall. J. P. Silliman. J. L. Sloan. Mrs M. C. Kuder. Miss Sarah Meinhimmer. J. Temple. J. C. Mack.

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Charge III. Violation of the 10th Commandment.
Specification 1, Charging Mr Krider with 3 Years subscription, which he had previously returned to her.

Charges agnst. Rev S. C. Hoan

(2) Attempting to oppress the widow & fatherless by presenting to Mrs Krider for collection, a note of her deceased husband in 1872, Several years after his estate had been settled.
(3) Paying Mrs M. C. Krider only $9 per month for board, when he counted by the day.
(4) By proposing to receive Mr M. Albright's subscription twice, & keep it concealed from him.

Witnesses- Joshua Miller, Mrs M. C. Krider Miss Leah Misenheimer, J. F. Carrigan, N. F. Hall. F. A. Lackey.

Charge IV. Encouraging Intemperance.
Specification 1, By frequently drinking on the day of the big sick in the winter of 1871-2.
(2) By encouraging others to drink ardent spirits, at various times.

Witnesses- Mrs J. F. Carrigan, J. L. Hoan, J. C. Kistler, J. M. Harrison, Mrs J. T. Ray, Wellington Kistler, Newton Polzet, — Wiggins, Dr Hoan's letter of May & June 1878.

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Charge V. Tampering with witnesses.
Specification 1, Going to Mr J. F. Carrigan's on May 13th 1878, & asking him to say nothing or as little as possible, to the committee about the Stove affair, since he had confessed to receiving the money.

Charges- Rev S. C. Hoan

(2) Visiting Mr B. F. Polzet since the meeting of the Presbytery at St. Enoch, & comparing evidence that their Statements might not conflict- & by trying to impress upon his mind that the cow was not sold to him.
(3) Visiting Mr & Mrs Ray repeatedly before the visit of the committee to their house, & by appealing to their Sympathies endeavoring to prevent their giving Testimony in the case.
(4) Sending word to Mr & Mrs Ray to drop the matter for the sake of his wife & family.

Witnesses- J. F. Carrigan, M. Single, B. F. Polzet, F. A. Lackey, D. S. Cowan, J. Rumple, J. B. Mack.

Com. { Rev J. B. Mack
" J. Rumple
D. S. Caldwell
W. M. Gray

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On motion, the further consideration of the case of Rev S. C. Pharr D.D. was made the first order of the day after recess.

J. J. Allison rec'd as Candidate.

Mr J. J. Allison, ruling elder from Concord Town, presented himself before Presbytery; was examined as to his religious experience & motives for entering the gospel ministry, & was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for licensure.

The following trial pieces were assigned him; viz: Latin Exegesis - "An Scriptus Deus sit verus"?
Critical exercise - Heb 6: 4-6 inclusive.
Lecture - John 10: 27-29.
Popular Sermon - Prov 29: 1.

On motion Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

J. Rumple & H. M. Gray prosecuting com.

Rev J. Rumple & H. M. Gray ruling elders were appointed as prosecuting committee in the case of Rev S. C. Pharr D.D. to be tried & issued, if the way be clear, at the next meeting of this body.

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Change of time & place of meeting.

On motion, the former action of Presbytery selecting Hickory Station as the place, and the 6th day of Sept. next as the time for the next semi-annual meeting of this body was reconsidered; and Thyatira Church was chosen as the place, & the 19th of August 1873 next 11, o'clock A.m. as the time for said meeting.

Stated Clerk to cite parties.

The Stated Clerk was directed to furnish Rev S. C. Pharr D.D. with a full copy of the charges tabled against him, with the names of the witnesses annexed; & to cite all parties, and their witnesses, to appear & be heard at the next meeting to be held at Thyatira Church August 19th 1873.

Rev A. E. Chandler rec'd

A certificate of dismissal of Rev A. E. Chandler from Knoxville Presbytery Ten. was read; whereupon he was examined & received & his name enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

Rev J. B. Mack Evangelist acc'd.

Rev J. B. Mack, the Evangelist elect, signified his willingness to accept the office for the term of six months, & enter upon the work in August next, which proposal was accepted.

Ebenezer Church July 9th 1873

Adjourned.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Ebenezer Church on Tuesday the 19th of August 1873, at 11. o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer by the Rev S. H. Dalton.

(Signed) William. W. Sloan
Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

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The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at Thyatira Church, Aug 19th 1873. 11 o'clk A.M. and after sermon by the retiring Mod, Rev B. G. Beall, from John 10:20. "Are not my days few", was constituted with prayer.

The roll of ministers & Churches was called, & the following were present:

Ministers	Churches	Ruling Elders
T. F. Johnston	Rocky River	R. H. Morrison
G. M. Gibbs	Poplar Tent	A. S. Caldwell
A. E. Chandler	Concord Town	J. B. Allison
S. C. Shaw sen	Salisbury	D. A. Davis
B. G. Beall	Thyatira	J. F. Silliman
J. Rumple	Back Creek	Moses Grupe
Wm. P. Shaw	Prospect	T. F. Beaty
J. B. Mack	Unity.	J. C. Foard
G. McKinnon	Fifth Creek	J. M. Cook
R. M. Tuttle.	Bethany	A. Gray
	Centenda	Edg. McNeely
	Lenoir.	R. G. Beall

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Absentees

Absent from present. Sessions without excuse. Ministers: T. F. Paxton. W. A. Wood. & S. Taylor Martin.

Churches unrepresented: College Church, Bethel. Third Creek. Mocksville. Tabor. Fourth Creek. Concord. Shiloh. Taylorsville. Salem. Milksboro. Jefferson. [redacted]. Amity. Marion. Siloam. Gibbs Mission.

Chs unrepresented

Rev G. M. Gibbs was chosen Moderator, & Rev Messrs B. G. Beall & R. M. Tuttle. Temporary clerks.

Mod & Clerks

On motion, Presbytery took a recess for 3/4 of an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting was dispensed with.

The Minutes of adjourned meetings at Concord Town and Thyatira Churches were read.

The committee appointed thereto reported that they had, on the 27th of July organized Zion Church in Cabarrus County, with 14. members. 2 ruling Elders & 2 deacons, which report was accepted & adopted

Zion Ch, organized.

J. B. White ruling elder from said Church was reported & his name enrolled.

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Centre, Zion & Tabor churches gave satisfactory reasons why they were not represented at the last Stated meeting.

Rev A. E. Chandler reported that he had fulfilled his appointment as temporary supply.

The Standing rules of Presbytery were read by the Stated Clerk.

Judicial Committee was appointed, consisting of Rev J. B. Mack, J. McKinnon & J. F. Allison ruling elder.

Judicial Com.

A. Johnston ruling elder from Bethphage church appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

A letter was read from Rev D. A. Penick assigning reason for absence from present sessions of Presbytery; also asking for a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself & Poplar Tent Church; and for a dismissal to connect himself with the Presbytery of Lexington. Synod of Va, & offering his resignation as Trustee of Davidson College, Chairman of the Committee of Education & Member of the Sustentation Committee.

Letter from D. A. Penick

His reason for absence from present sessions of Presby. was sustained.

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Poplar Tent. Pastoral relation dissolved

The Church of Poplar Tent having united with Rev D. A. Penick in a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between him & said Church; said relation was dissolved & Rev J. McKinnon directed to preach at Poplar Tent Church as soon as practicable & declare said Church vacant.

D. A. Penick dismissed.

The Stated Clerk was directed to furnish Rev D. A. Penick with a letter of dismissal to Lexington Presby, & to convey to him an expression of the fraternal regards of this Presbytery.

His resignation of Chairman of Com. of Education Trustee of Davidson College & Member of the Committee of Sustentation was accepted.

J. McKinnon Sustentation Com.

Rev J. McKinnon was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Com. of Sustentation occasioned by the resignation of Rev D. A. Penick, and Rev R. H. Tuttle to fill his position as Chairman of the Committee of Education.

Time & place of next Meeting

Prospect Church was chosen as the place, and Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in April 1874 11. o'clk A.M. as the time for holding the next semi-annual meeting of this body.

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Report of Comm to Gen. Assy.

A written report from Rev W. A. Wood & Dr J. G. Ramsay ruling elder, the commissioners to the last Gen. Assembly was read & approved.

The committee appointed to visit Fifth Creek Church, reported that, owing to circumstances, said appointment had not been fulfilled.

Com. to visit 5th Creek Ch.

On motion, said Committee was discharged & a new committee appointed consisting of Rev J. B. Mack, Rev A. E. Chandler & J. B. Dod ruling elder.

Trustees of D.C. Report.

The annual report of the Trustees of Davidson College to this body was read & referred to the Committee on Davidson College.

On motion, the papers touching the case of Rev S. C. Shannon D.D. were referred to the judicial committee with instructions to report thereon tomorrow morning.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Coms. of the Mod.

On Bills & Overtures: Rev T. E. Johnston, Rev R. M. Tuttle & S. A. Davis ruling elder

On the Narrative - Rev A. E. Chandler & Moses Tingle ruling elder.

On Minutes of the Gen. Assembly - Rev J. Rumple J. McKinnon & J. W. Cook ruling elder.

On Devotional Exercises - Rev A. E. Chandler & J. P. Lillieman ruling elder.

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On Davidson College, J. Rumple, J. McK Kinnon & T. F. Beaty ruling elder.

S. S. Trott, ruling Elder from Franklin Church, appeared in Presbytery & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday Morning 9 o'clock

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

W. W. Gray excused from prosecution

Mr W. W. Gray member of the committee of prosecution in the case of Rev S. C. Shannon D.D. was, at his own request, excused from acting with said committee.

Ord. for 11 o'clock

On motion the order of the day was suspended & the report of the Agent for Foreign Missions was read accepted & adopted in the following resolution:

Ord. for For. Mission Report.

The Missionary

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to all our ministers & Church Sessions to promote the circulation of "The Missionary" & to observe the monthly concert of prayer for Missions.

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Elder from Newton appeared

J. M. Raymar, ruling elder from Newton appeared in Presbytery & assigned satisfactory reason for tardiness.

Judicial Com. Report.

The Judicial Committee presented the following report touching the case of Rev S. C. Shaw &c. &c. -

Plan of procedure in Case of Rev S. Shaw

The judicial committee would recommend the following order of proceeding in the trial of the Rev S. C. Shaw &c. &c. viz; -

1. That the Moderator solemnly announce the nature of the business upon which the Presbytery is about to enter.

2. That each charge with its Specifications be read, & the accused be called upon to say whether he is guilty or not of each charge.

3. If the accused confess to being guilty, the Presbytery shall act as provided for Book of Discipline Chapter 5; Sec. 10.

4. If the accused denies being guilty, the Presbytery shall proceed to hear the evidence on both sides: the witnesses for the prosecution shall be sworn & examined first.

5. If either party challenge any witness, the Presbytery shall act according to Book of Discipline Ch. 6. Section 2. 3. 4 & 5. -

6 In the examination of witnesses Presbytery shall observe the directions laid down in Book of Dis. ch. 6. Section 7. 8. 9 & 11.

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7. After the witnesses have been examined, the accused shall be heard either in person or by council; & then the prosecuting committee shall be heard.

8. The accused shall then retire - the Clerk shall read each charge with its Specifications - the roll shall be called so that each member may express his opinion upon the charge & the specifications. Then each specification shall be read & the Presbytery shall vote on each specification as "proven or not proven"; after which the charge shall be read & the vote taken by calling the roll & each member voting "Guilty or not Guilty"

9. If the accused is declared to be guilty, the Presbytery shall then determine the sentence according to the nature of the offence.

10. The accused shall then be recalled & the decision made known to him.

We recommend further that, in view of the peculiar circumstances of the case, the Presbytery hold private sessions during the process of this trial.

J. B. Mack
Com. J. M. McKinnon
J. B. Allison

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J. Rankin appeared

Rev J. Rankin appeared in Presbytery & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery took a recess for ten minutes to meet in the Session house.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

On motion, Presbytery proceeded to take up the judicial case of Rev S. C. Pharr &c.

The Moderator delivered the charge to the Court.

Trial of Rev S. C. Pharr

Messrs Gibson, McCubbins & N. F. Hall were requested to act in the matter of presenting witnesses before the Court.

In accordance with the plan recommended & adopted, the first charge with its specification was read to the accused, viz:-

Charges & Specification

Charge I. Violation of the 4th Commandment.

Specification 1. Asking for & receiving money from Mr J. F. Carrigan on, or about, Feb 11th 1872.

2nd Offering to settle a bill of dealing with Mr J. F. Carrigan on, or about, Feb 11th 1872.

3d Disposing of a Cow to Mr B. F. Poteet on, or about Feb 11th 1872.

4th Attempting to make Mr J. M. Harrison his agent in worldly business, or to collect money from him on, or about Jan 20th 1872.

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5th Receiving money from Mr S. S. Trott, & paying it to Mrs Torrance on Sabbath days in 1872 & 1873.

6th Frequent & prolonged conversations about financial affairs of a worldly nature on Sabbath in 1871, 1872 & 1873."

Trial of Rev S. C. Pharr

Being called upon to answer as to his guilt or innocence, pleaded guilty in part.

Charges & Specification.

To the 2nd Charge with its Specifications he pleaded guilty in part, viz:

Charge II. Violation of the 9th Commandment.

Specification 1. Asserting in Presbytery on May 28th 1873, that it was the custom to pay worldly debts in Thyatira on the Sabbath.

2nd Asserting in Presbytery on May the 28th 1873, that Mr J. F. Carrigan paid him some Church money on Feb 11th 1872.

3rd Giving false reason why Mrs Kinder agreed to pay the $12, previously returned to her.

To the 3d Charge with its Specifications, he pleaded not guilty, viz:

Charge III. Violation of the 10th Commandment.

Specification 1. Charging Mrs Kinder with 3 years subscription, which he had previously returned to her.

2nd Attempting to oppress the widow & fatherless by presenting to Mrs M. C. Kinder for collection a note of her deceased husband in 1872 several years after his estate had been settled.

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3d Paying Mrs Rider only $9. per month for board, when he counted by the day.
4th By proposing to receive Mr M. Albright's Subscription twice, & kept it concealed from him.

To the 4th Charge with its Specifications, he pleaded not guilty, viz:

Trial of Dr Pharr

Charges & Specifications

Charge IV. Encouraging Intemperance.
Specification 1. By frequently drinking on the day of the big ice in the winter of 1871/72.
2. By encouraging others to drink ardent Spirits, at various times.

To the 5th Charge with its Specifications, he pleaded, guilty in part, viz:

Charge V. Tampering with witnesses.
Specification 1. Going to Mr J. F. Carrigan's May the 13th 1873. & asking him to say nothing, or as little as possible, to the committee about the Stone affair, since he had compared to receiving the money.
2. Visiting Mr B. F. Poteet since the meeting of Presbytery at E. Buck, & comparing evidence that their statements might not conflict- & by trying to impress upon his mind that the Cow was not sold to him.
3. Visiting Mr & Mrs Ray repeatedly before the visit of the committee to their house, & by appealing to their sympathies endeavoring to prevent their giving testimony in the case.

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4. Sending word to Mr & Mrs Ray to drop the matter for the sake of his wife & family.

The question to that end, having been proposed, the Stated Clerk certified that he had duly notified the parties with their witnesses to appear at the present meeting.

Std Clk certifies &c.

Messrs- J. F. Carrigan, S. S. Trott, J. P. Silliman, S. S. Caldwell, Moses Temple, J. Wallace Joshua Miller, N. F. Ball, N. L. Kistler, J. M. Graham & J. Temple, were introduced as witnesses for the prosecution, & were duly Sworn by the Moderator.

Witnesses Sworn.

The committee on Davidson College made the following report, which was received & adopted with the appended Resolutions:-

Com on D. College Report

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College, recommend that the following persons be elected to serve 4 years- Rev Wm P. Pharr, Mr A. Davis, & S. M. Wiley.

Trustees, D. C.

In place of Rev D. A. Penick resigned, we recommend the appointment of Rev J. B. Mack.

The Presbytery has heard with pleasure the report of the Trustees of Davidson College, & Especially the report concerning the religious & moral

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Report. Com. on N. College

condition of the College, & also the soundness of its financial affairs.

The Presbytery of Concord, having been from the beginning the firm friends & supporters, as well as founder of this Institution, feels constrained now to be the advocates of its enlargement & completion.

We are in full Sympathy with the scheme recently inaugurated for adding $100.000 to its endowment.

Resolved. 1. That we commend this Institution to the Sympathy & prayers of all the people of God in our connection

2nd We will cordially welcome the Agent of Davidson College, & urge our people to contribute to this important work, as liberally as possible.

J. Rumple
E. McKinnon
T. F. Beaty.

Rev T. L. DeVaney

Rev T. L. DeVaney of the Presbytery of Fayetteville being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

witness

Mrs M. C. Snider being introduced by the prosecution, in the case of Rev S. B. Pharr, was duly sworn & examined.

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witness

Miss Sarah Misenheimer, being introduced by the prosecution, was duly sworn & examined.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning 9.0'clock

Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning 9.0'clk

Presbytery met, & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Acct. of Stated Clk.

The Stated Clerk presented his account for the year ending Aug 17. 1872. against Presbytery for services & C.A. of $57.24. which was accepted & the Treasurer of Presbytery directed to pay the amount.

Com'n to take testimony

On motion, a commission consisting of Rev J. B. Mack & Moses Temple was appointed to visit Mrs Carrigan, Mrs Ray & Mrs R. F. Poteat, to take their testimony in the case of Rev S. B. Pharr

Statistical Report.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical report of Presbytery which was accepted & ordered to be transmitted to Synod.

Com'n to take testimony

On motion, the appointment of a commission to take the testimony of certain persons already named was reconsidered in order to add thereto another member, whereupon Dr R. G. Beall was added to said committee.

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witness. Mr J. M. Harrison was introduced to Presbytery by the prosecution, in the case of Rev S. G. Thompson, & duly sworn & examined.

Dr F. R. Gourley was introduced by the prosecution & duly sworn & examined.

Mr J. B. Gibson was introduced by the prosecution & duly sworn & examined.

Presbytery took a recess of 3/4 of an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The Committee on the Minutes of the Genl. Assembly presented the following report, which was rec^d, amended & adopted:

Report of com. on Minutes of Genl. Assy. The committee appointed to report on the Minutes of the Genl. Assembly, beg leave to call attention to the following matters deserving the notice attention of Presbytery.

1st On page 314. Resolution 2. The recommendation of the monthly concert of prayer for Foreign Mission is repeated, but the time is left to the discretion of the churches. We recommend that all our churches observe this concert, selecting the most suitable time for its observance.

Concert of prayer

We further call attention to resolutions 5. 6. & 10. On page 315- viz: "That the Missionary in its enlarged & improved appearance is to be strongly commended as an instrumentality of great value in diffusing information, & in creating & extending an interest in behalf of Mission."

The Missy.

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"That the decrease in the collections from the churches reported in the contributions during the past year, as compared with those of the year previous, & the fact reported that there are 815- of our churches (more than one-half) which have contributed nothing, is cause for humiliation & sorrow to our whole Zion. The main roots of this unsuitable delinquency are to be found, first, in the want of a more thorough conversation on the part of those implicated, to the cause for which the Saviour gave his life; & second, in the fact that many of our ministers themselves, either neglect to present the claims of the heathen world to their congregations; or improperly yield to an unworthy fear lest the attempt to do so should give offence.

Report on Minutes of Genl. Assy.

It cannot be doubted that ministers this & kindred causes are earnestly, kindly & faithfully brought home to all our people, our financial troubles will be chiefly ended. The Assembly would urge it upon the Presbyteries, where the remedy mainly lies, to leave no efforts untried, whether of exhortation or admonition, for causing the reproach of this deplorable evil to cease, & for bringing our whole people to stand in this matter complete in all the will of God"

"That in view of the objections, the indifference

& skepticism prevailing in many minds, on the general policy of Foreign Missions, it is recommended to ministers of the Gospel that they make it the subject of more frequent discussion from the pulpit."

Report on Minutes of Genl. Assy

2. On page 316, On Evangelistic labor, we commend the following paragraphs:

"In view of these facts, your committee recommend that the Genl. Assembly, press upon the Presbyteries the vital importance of Evangelistic efforts.

It is necessary to fulfill our obligations to the great Head of the Church; to meet the great destitutions & wants of our blended fields; to fulfil our holy mission as the witness bearer to the truth in this age of wild speculation; to keep abreast of the earnest spirit of the day in secular as well as Christian enterprise; in a word, to our very life, Stability & Growth as the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every Presbytery should, as far as practicable, employ at least one evangelist all his time.

Evangelistic Labor

We would also recommend the practice of some of the Presbyteries, who employ their licentiates, whenever it is in their judgment expedient, for their first year or two, in missionary fields; & who also give work in destitute places to their candidates during their vacations.

In order to carry out these great aims of the Church, we would urge, that while the Presbyteries reserve to themselves the entire controll & direction of the Evangelist & his work within their bounds, they all

act through & in harmony with the General plan inaugurated by the Assembly; & that all the Churches be stimulated to contribute liberally to the Evangelistic fund, so that we may, as one army of the living God, make an onward movement with great power, under the captain of our Salvation, upon the works of Sin & Satan, & plant our triumphant banner of the Cross far ahead in regions conquered for heaven!"

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3. On page 362, On Sabbath Schools.

We call attention to the following resolutions:

1. "That it be recommended to the Presbyteries to call Conventions once a year of Sabbath Schools within their bounds, composed of persons appointed by the Sessions from the Schools, under such regulations as the Presbytery may deem expedient.

Sab. School Convention

2. That Presbyteries enjoin upon church sessions to have in each School regular & stated meetings of superintendants & teachers held, & where practicable, that the pastors & Sessions meet with them for prayer & conference, in order that greater efficiency may be secured in the prosecution of this work, & a deeper sense of responsibility awakened in looking to the conversion of the children & youth as the great object of Sabbath School instruction,

4. That Presbyteries be recommended to urge upon Sessions to secure, as far as possible, exclusive the services of pious teachers,

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5. That Presbyteries again press upon the attention of churches the great importance of placing every Sabbath School, as far as practicable, under the strict supervision & controll of the Session.

6. That Presbyteries be recommended to have established, under the direct supervision of the Churches, Sunday Schools for the colored population; in all instances to be conducted by superintendents appointed by the Session";

Sab. Schools Colored

We recommend that this Presbytery call a Sunday School convention as soon as practicable, & that Presbytery comply with each of the resolutions specified, as far as practicable.

Sab. School Convention

4th The resolutions on Sustentation - found on pages 326 & 327. are of great practicall importance, especially, Resolution 2: viz

"That the Genl. Assembly enjoin it upon Presbyteries to foster & cherish this agency as one most essential to the efficiency & growth of the our Church, & to see to it that all the Churches under their care be fully instructed in regard to the nature & necessity of this part of our work; & exhort them to increased liberality in contributing to it, that so the efficiency of this power may be increased."

Sustentation

Invalid Fund.

5. We also commend to the Churches the faithful support of the Invalid Fund,

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6. on page 331. Resolution 2. -

"Presbyteries are urged to require of each candidate a semi annual report to Presbytery of all funds received by him from the Assembly's committee, or from church collections, & to be fully informed as to the character, diligence & proficiency of all Candidates for the Gospel ministry under their care";

Candidates to report.

We recommend that our committee of Education, be instructed to seek the information specified,

Education Com. instructed.

The committee on Colportage made the following report which was accepted, & the action of the committee approved & their request granted, viz;

The Colportage committee would make the following report:

Report on Colportage.

The Rev T. F. Johnston, the brother elected by the Presbytery at its last meeting, at first signified his willingness to enter upon the work in August, At that time however he stated that he wanted to remain in Bunkie Co. until the middle of Oct. The committee deeming it vital to the success of the work that it should begin among the stronger churches, employed Mr Robt. Harrison (an Elder of Rocky River ch) to act as Colporteur, & directed him to accompany the Evangelist in his rounds. The success of this scheme has

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Report on Colportage,

been very flattering. By thus visiting the churches, in 3 months $135- worth of books have been sold, & two churches have agreed to use our new Hymn book in the Praise of God's house.

Our receipts have been as follows $271.71 from the Treasurer of Presbytery $30 from two friends in Rocky River Church. We have bought $ 316. worth of books, have sold about $135 worth, & now have about $80 on hand.

We ask Presbytery to approve the action of the Committee in employing Mr Morrison, & that one half of whatever may be contributed to the cause of Publication before May 1st 1874 be placed at the disposal of the Colportage committee.

J. B. Mack
S. McKinnon
J. B. Allison.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess for 15 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The unfinished business was resumed.

On motion, permission was granted, to examine certain witnesses on the part of the defence in the case of Rev S. C. Isham D. D. owing to peculiar circumstances.

Witness & cmd

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witness & cmd

Mr J. C. C. Graham was introduced to Presbytery by the defence & duly sworn & examined.

J. P. Adams was introduced by the defence & duly sworn.

Mr J. S. Sloan was introduced by the prosecution & duly sworn & examined.

On motion, Presbytery took recess until tomorrow morning 9. o'clock

Closed with prayer.

Friday morning 9. o'clock.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Mr J. R. Graham was introduced by the prosecution in the case of Dr Isham & was duly examined.

E. F. R. appointed

Rev E. F. Rockwell appointed in Presbytery & same satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr Peter Albright was introduced by the defence in the case of Rev S. C. Isham & duly sworn & examined.

Mrs M. E. Thomason was introduced by the defence in the case of Dr Isham & was duly sworn & examined.

Mr Mott. A. Miller was introduced by the defence & duly sworn & examined

Witness

Mr Levi Hargrave was introduced by the defence & duly sworn & examined.

Mr John Hyde was introduced by the defence & duly sworn & examined.

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Mr R. P. Burke was introduced by the defence & was duly sworn & examined.

Mr Robt. H. McAfee was introduced by the defence & duly sworn & examined.

Mr J. A. Owens was introduced by the defence & duly sworn & examined.

Witness examd

On motion, Presbytery took a recess for 30 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The regulation requiring Presbytery to sit with closed doors during the progress of the trial of Rev Pharr, was suspended.

Mr John. M. Keller was introduced by the defence & was duly sworn & examined.

Mr A. D. Goodman was introduced by the defence & duly sworn & examined.

Mr W. A. Houk was introduced by the defence & duly sworn & examined.

Mr D. S. Cowan was introduced by the prosecution & was duly sworn & examined.

Letter from S. C. Miller.

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Witness

The testimony of Mrs M. A. Ray, Mrs C. A. Carrigan & C. F. Poteet, taken by the commission, was presented as their report. Said report was received.

D. A. Davis defence

Presbytery having heard the testimony for & against, in the case of Rev S. C. Pharr vs. D. A. Davis, proceeded to hear him in his defence through his counsel D. A. Davis.

Leave of absence, after to-day's sessions, was granted to D. A. Davis Ruling Elder.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Letter from S. C. Miller.

A communication was read from Rev S. C. Miller, which was referred to the committee appointed to procure a home for his family, with instructions to go forward & purchase said home, under a pledge from this body that the remainder of the $300. promised, shall be forth coming when called

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S.D. Miller com. to purchase a home.

for, & that the churches which have contributed, or intend to contribute to this object, be urged to forward their donations at once to S. A. Davis Treasurer.

Minutes to be printed.

On motion, the printing of the usual number of copies of the minutes, was ordered.

Agent of Publication

The Agent of Publication made a report which was accepted & approved.

Bills & Overtures.

The committee on Bills & Overtures reported that no business had come into their hands, & were, at their own request, discharged.

Narrative

The Narrative to Synod was presented by the committee appointed thereto, & was received & ordered to be transmitted to Synod.

Adjourned meeting at Wilmington

It was Resolved. That when this Presbytery adjourns it adjourn to meet in Wilmington during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Prosecutor heard.

Presbytery proceeded to take up the unfinished business. viz, the case of Rev S. C. Shaw vs. S.

Rev G. Reinsfle was heard in behalf of the prosecution.

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Presbytery then took recess for half an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

On motion, the thanks of this body were tendered to the Congregation of Ilyatia for their kindness & hospitality on this occasion.

On motion, the report of the committee to propose a plan for the trial of Rev S. C. Shaw was reconsidered, & a new article substituted in place of article 8th.

Excused from voting

Rev Wm P. Shaw was excused from voting, at his own request, in the case of Rev S. C. Shaw D.D. when his name is called.

Vote on case of Rev S.C.S.

The case of Rev S. C. Shaw D.D. being before the Presbytery, the roll was called to give each member an opportunity to express his opinion as to each Specification under 1st Charge.

After which the vote was taken on each Specification as to whether it was proven or not proven.

Specifications 1. 2. 4 & 6 were proven, Specifications 3 & 5 not proven.

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The vote was then taken by calling the roll as to the guilt or innocence of the accused of the 1st Charge, when it appeared by a vote of 23 to 1, he was guilty.

Vote on the case of S.B. Pham

The same course as above having been Taken with reference to the remaining charges with their respective specifications, the following decisions were reached:

Under Charge 2, Specification 1st was proven in part, specification 2. not proven & specification 3 proven.

Of Charge 2. he was pronounced guilty by a vote of 14 to 9.

Under Charge 3. Specification 1. was proven, specification 2 not proven, specification 3 proven in part, specification 4 not proven.

Of the 3d Charge he was pronounced not guilty by a vote of 7 to 14.

Under Charge 4. Specifications 1 & 2 were proven.

Of the 4th Charge he was pronounced guilty by a vote of 20 to 3.

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Under Charge 5. Specification 1.2.3.4 were proven.

Of the 5th Charge he was pronounced guilty by a vote of 20 to 3.

Vote in the case of Rev S.B. Pham

Rev S. B. Pham D.D. having been found guilty as above stated, a committee consisting of Rev J. Rankin, J. B. Mack & J. B. Atkinson ruling elder, was appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the sense of Presbytery touching his case.

The committee on supplies recommended the following for Rocky River Church:

Supplies

Rev. Messrs. S. McKinnon, N. A. Wood, R. M. Tuttle, J. Kemple, each to preach one Sabbath, which was adopted.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute touching the case of the Rev S. B. Pham D.D. presented the following which was accepted & adopted:

Sentence in Rev S.B. Pham

In accordance with the requirements of our Standards (Book of Discipline chapter V. Sections 6 & 12.) we must either suspend or depose the one found guilty.

Because of the number of base & flagitious crimes we recommend that Rev S.B. Pham D.D. be suspended indefinitely from the ministry.

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Pastoral Relation dissolved Franklin

Rev J. Brumpl was appointed to visit Franklin Church & declare the pastoral relation between said Church & Rev J. C. Rhan D.D. dissolved & said Church vacant.

The minutes of to-day were read & approved.

Adjourned.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in Wilmington during during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer, & the apostolic benediction.

(Signed) William M. Rhan
Stated Clerk

Fayetteville Church Aug. 1873.

Appendix.

No 1.

Narrative to Synod on the State of religion

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina that, we have cause of deep gratitude to God for the manifestations of his spirit in many of the churches within our bounds during the past year. The showers of divine grace have indeed been refreshing to Christians in many parts of the Vineyard, & sinners have been awakened (among whom were some aged persons) & brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

There is evidently a growing zeal & love for the cause of our blessed redeemer, which are manifested by the willingness of our churches to lend a helping hand to all enterprises, which are designed to promote the cause of Christ.

The attendance upon the worship of God's house is very good.

Sabbath Schools & Bible classes are established generally, & attended with interest & profit.

Apart from those which exist in the several Churches, some very flourishing mission schools

have been organized by lay members, who with commendable zeal have thrown their whole powers into this work of the Lord's & who already are enjoying the rich reward of seeing it prosper in their hands. These are truly profitable & much needed, being established as they are, in destitute communes, where the gospel is seldom, if ever preached, & where the most simple Bible truths are unknown, & of course not practised.

The Presbytery has placed an Evangelist, the Rev J. B. Mack in the field, whose labors, which commenced, 1st of August have been eminently blessed with the most happy results.

Notwithstanding all these encouragements, there are still many things in our Zion, which call for deep repentance & humility, & for more constant & earnest prayer & wrestlings at a throne of grace. There is among a large class of our church members, not that vital godliness & growth in grace which should characterize those who profess the religion of Jesus.

God's chastening hand has been laid heavily upon us in the removal by death of several of our elders. One church in the course of 5 months has been called to mourn the loss of 3 elders, out of 4. who were active, zealous & godly men.

Our experience, as a Presbytery, is one of mingled gratitude & humility, & call loudly for more zeal - more love & more faith.

Appendix No. 2.

Report of the Agt. of Publication.

The Agent of Publication would report that 21 of our 133 Churches have contributed to the cause of Publication during the past year. Most of the Chs failing to contribute were vacant, Those having regular preaching, that have failed to do so are Lenoir, Franklin, 4th Creek, Gibbs Mission; the last of these, however, having been organized since the Sabbath appointed by the Assy, for a collection in behalf of this cause.

The Com. of Publication have published 18 new books during the past year. The following statement of the issues from the press of the Com. during the past year will give an idea of their work viz; Bound Volumes 32340, Songs of praise 2500, Voice of praise 12000, Hymns to Voice of Praise 25000, Social Hymns 5000, Choctaw Hymns 1000, Tract Volume 15000, Catechisms 50000, Question Books 25-00. Class Books 4000. Envelopes 500000, Catalogues 6000, Annual Reports 2700, Rules of Discipline 3000, Circulars 135000, Blank Reports 2400, Tracts & Leaflets 185000.

J. B. Mack, Agt.

Appendix No. 3.

Report of the Agt. for Foreign Missions.

The contributions to the cause of For. Missions by Churches, individuals & Sab. Schools from April 1877 to April 1878 are as follows:

Zack Creek	$ 11.15
Bethany	9.40
Bethesda	1.00
Bethlehem	9.85
Centre	9.55
Concord	25.35
Concord Town	74.20
Drusilla	.50
4th Creek	145.87
Lenoir	10.70
Marion	8.00
Morganton	30.00
Newton	20.00
Poplar Tent	57.39
Prospect	7.46
Rocky River	105.65
Salisbury	25.00
Shiloh	11.50
Statesville	6.00
Silver Creek	66.75
Taylorsville	10.65
Thyatira	2.00
Third Creek	7.60
Unity	5.00
J. H. S.	$ 5.00
Mrs F. A. S.	5.00
Rev S. C. Pharr	2.00
P.	8.00
Sl. College Sab. School	11.00
Lenoir Sab. School	6.00
Salisbury Sab. School	14.00
Statesville Sab. School	21.50
Centre Sab. School	6.70
Morganton Sab. School	7.00
Newton S. School	.50
Total	$ 29.01

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For the Campinas Institute since Sept 1872.

Concord Town	$ 10.00	S. College, Sab. School	$ 12.25
Tarboro Ch.	10.00	Silver Creek Chapel	1.00
Tarboro Sab. School	9.40	Limonton. From Col. Miss. Society	10.00
Morganton Ch.	35.00	Taylorsville	5.00
Morganton Sab. School	2.40	Prineville	2.25
Marion	3.00	Third Creek	8.15
Poplar Tent	8.00	Thyatira	4.00
Prospect	6.00	Unity	5.20
P.	5.00	Bethpage	11.00
Rocky River	22.25	Centre	7.00
Siloam	1.00	For Campinas Institute	174.90
			$ 29.01
		For general cause of Missions	1005.91

This is an advance of $ 334.46, upon our receipts or contributions the previous year.

From the following Churches nothing is acknowledged for the cause of For. Missions during the past year; Bethel, 5th Creek, Franklin, Tabor, Jefferson, Mocksville, Salem, Milksboro, one fourth of the whole number.

From the following Churches nothing is acknowledged for the Campinas Institute; Back Creek, Bethany, Bethsaida, Bethel, Concord, 5th Creek, 4th Creek, Franklin, Jefferson, Mocksville, Newton, Salisbury, Salem, Shiloh, Tabor, Milksboro.

The receipts of our Gen'l Assembly's Treasurer for For. Missions during the last financial year were $ 47,975.16, being an advance of only $693.20

upon the receipts of the previous year.

A year ago the For. Missionary fields occupied by the Southern Presbyterian Church were five in number, viz;

1, Indian Missions. These were among the Choctaws, & Chickasaws, the Cherokees & the Creeks. Among the Choctaws were Rev J. H. Colton & wife, Rev W. J. B. Lloyd & wife. Rev Allen Wright & wife; & Rev E. Brewer - the two latter being native preachers. Mr & Mrs Colton were in charge of Spencer Academy which then had 82 pupils. During the past year the average number of pupils has been 80. of whom 9 it is hoped have been renewed by the Spirit of God.

The teaching corps at this Institution has been increased during the past year by the addition of Mr J. S. Caldwell & wife. Mr H. McAskill & Miss Elizabeth J. Morrison.

During the year Mr Lloyd received 28 persons to the communion & Mr Wright 57.

Rev J. H. Ferryman a native preacher, was laboring among the Creeks, he continues to labor among them & recently received 6 persons to communion. His church numbers about 20.

Among the Creeks were Rev Stephen Foreman, a native preacher, & Rev Hamilton Balentine who have continued their labors during the past year, with frequent tokens of the Spirits presence.

The whole number of communicants in our Indian churches is supposed to be between 1000 & 1200.

2nd Italian Mission. This mission consists of a solitary native female, Miss Rongone, who was teaching at Milan. She has continued to teach there, not without tokens of Divine favor.

3d Mission in the U.S. of Colombia S.A.

A year ago this mission consisted of Rev H. B. Pratt & wife, Mr H. G. Erwin teacher & Mr Gallardo native Colporteur.

The force has not been increased, but divided. Mr Pratt has removed to Socorro, the capital of the Province of Santander, leaving Mr Erwin & Mr Gallardo to occupy the old station at Barranquilla.

4th The Brazil Mission at Campinas.

This mission consisted of Rev J. Nash Morton & wife, Rev Edward Lane & wife & Miss Nannie Henderson teacher. It has been strengthened by the addition of Rev William De Loute, who is expected to take charge of the Campinas Institute, when it goes into operation, the funds for which have been secured; but the erection of the building has been delayed, for want of building materials & laborers.

The support of Mr De Loute is assumed by the Church in Augusta Ga.

Several additions have been made to the church during the past year, which now contains 26 native members. Miss Henderson has succeeded in establishing a very interesting school for girls numbering 20 pupils.

5th The Mission in China. This mission consisted of Rev M. B. Houston & wife, Rev Benj Helm & [illegible] A. E. Randolph, at the city of Hangchow Rev J. G. Stuart & Rev D. C. DuBose & wife, were also on the ground.

It had just been determined by the mission to abandon the station at Suchow. Messrs. Stuart & DuBose have since obtained a lodgment in the city of Suchow, where they have already baptized one convert, while 6 or 7 more individuals are inquiring for the way of life.

Mr Stuart's health had become impaired, on account of which, he [illegible] on a visit to this country.

Ample means have been provided for the erection of suitable, both for the boys & girls school at Hangchow, by the Sabbath Schools of our churches during the past year. Daily preaching for noon & afternoon has been kept up in the Street Chapel, & many books have been sold to eager purchasers; but missionaries lament that conversions have been few.

In addition to the enlargement of our field of operations by the removal of Mr Pratt to Socorro; our committee during the past year have established a mission at Pernambuco in Northern Brazil which consists of Rev J. Rockwell Smith & Rev J. Boyd & wife. In addition to this, they have also taken preliminary steps toward commencing a mission in Northern Mexico, by sending Rev A. T. Graybill to explore the country.

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of They also have their eye on Japan which is now probably more open to the Gospel than any other heathen country.

The providence of God seems to invite us there & it is devoutly to be hoped that we may be able soon to enter that field.

Our Committee say: "We have now in the field, including a few persons under appointment, & getting ready to leave for China & Mexico, as many as 21 ordained missionaries, & more than 30 other missionary laborers making upwards of 50 missionary Agents in all."

The adoption of the following is recommended viz:

Resolved. That we earnestly recommend to all our ministers & Church Sessions to promote the circulation of "The Missionary", & to observe the monthly concert of prayer for Missions.

Rev T. D. Johnston & Elder

Approved

Jas. M. Sprunt
Moderator

Wilmington
31st Oct. 1873.

Adjourned Meeting.

Wilmington Oct. 31st 1872.

The Presbytery of Concord met in Wilmington Oct 31st 1872, at the call of the last Moderator present the Rev J. B. Mack.

On motion, Rev E. F. Rockwell was called to act as Moderator pro tem,

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called & the following ministers & ruling Elders were present, viz;

Ministers	Elders.	Churches.
E F. Rockwell	Wm. Murdock	Salisbury,
J. Rumple	A. Sloazer	Prospect.
Wm W. Phare.	Dr J. R. Wilson	Rocky, River.
S. Taylor, Martin.		
W. A. Wood		
J. B. Mack		
R. M. Tuttle.		

The Treasurer of Presbytery made a special report on the State of the treasury, which was recieved & referred to a special committee consisting of Rev J. Rumple & Mr Murdock with instructions to revise the assessments of the churches, so as to meet the current expenses of Presbytery & report at the meeting to be held at Poplar Tent Church Nov 20th 1872.

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The Stated Clerk was directed to notify the Treasurer to write to the delinquent Churches, & urge them to pay their assessments immediately.

It was resolved. That when Presbytery adjourn that they adjourn to meet at Poplar Tent Church on 20th of Nov. 1873. 11. O'clock A. M.

Rev R. M. Tuttle, & M. A. Harris & Miles Gray ruling Elders. were appointed to visit Thyatira & Franklin Churches & settle arrearages of Salary due the Rev J. C. Sharp D. D.

Presbytery took recess to meet at the call of the mod.

After recess.
Saturday Nov 1st 1873.

The Presbytery met.

At the calling of the roll the following ministers & ruling Elders were present:

Ministers	Elders	Churches
E. F. Rockwell.	Wm Murdock	Salisbury
J. Rumple.	A. Seager	Prospect
W. A. Wood.	Dr J. R. Wilson	Rocky River.
J. B. Black.		

There being no business Presbytery adjourned to meet at Poplar Tent Church on the 20th of Nov 1873. 11. O'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

William W. Sharp
Stated Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting

Poplar Tent Church.
Nov 20th 1873. 11. o'clk, A. M.

The following members of Concord Presbytery met, according to adjournment, at Poplar Tent church, Nov 20th 1873. 11. o'clock A. M, Viz: Ministers

Ministers	Ruling Elders.	Churches
J. Rumple.	C. E. White	Concord Town
J. McKinnon	D. L. Caldwell	Poplar Tent
	R. W. Morrison	Rocky River
	Dr J. J. Summerell	Salisbury
	J. C. White	Zion

Rev J. McKinnon, being the last Moderator present, opened with prayer.
Rev J. Rumple was appointed temporary Clerk.
In the absence of a quorum, an adjournment was had to meet at the call of the Moderator, at some time during the day.
Closed with prayer by Rev J. Rumple.

12½ o'clock P. M.
Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator & was opened with prayer.
The Rev J. C. Mack appeared in Presbytery & gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.
The Rev P. H. Hatton of the Presbytery of Orange

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being present, & invited to sit as a
corresponding member.

A certificate from the Stated Clerk of
Ouachita Presbytery was presented & read,
attesting that Mr R.B. McAlpine is a
candidate for the gospel ministry under
the care of said (Ouachita) Presbytery, & that
he is dismissed, at his own request to place
himself under the care of the Presbytery of
Concord.

On motion Mr McAlpine was received
under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate
for the holy ministry.

The Presbytery then proceeded to examine
Mr McAlpine with a view to licensure.

It appearing that he had been examined
on experimental religion & his motives
for seeking the gospel ministry; the Presbytery
examined him upon Philosophy and
the Latin language, which was sustained
as satisfactory.

The Rev R.H. Tuttle appeared in Presbytery
& rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Mr R.B. McAlpine was then examined
on the Greek & Hebrew languages, and on
the Arts & Sciences, & said examination was
sustained as satisfactory parts of Trial.

The examination on Theology was then
begun.

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On motion, his Latin exegesis & critical Essay
were referred to Rev R.H. Tuttle, Dr JJ.
Summerell & R.H. Morrison, Ruling Elders,
as a committee to examine & report
thereon.

The Presbytery then took a recess of half
an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

Rev J. Krumple presented a report from
the committee appointed to revise the assess-
ments on the churches for Commissioners'
Fund, which was accepted & the scale of
assessments therein recommended, adopted
& is as follows:

The committee appointed to revise the assess-
ments on the churches report that they have
examined into the expenses of the year &
find them to be—

Clerk's Salary	$ 50.00
Printing the Minutes	60.00
Commissioner's Expenses to Gen. Assy	100.00
Gen. Assembly's Assessment—	25.00
Synod's Assessment—	75.00
Miscellaneous —	15.00
Total — —	$325.00

Besides this, the Presbytery is in debt to the
Stated Clerk & our last Commissioners
to the Gen. Assembly to the amount

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of more than $150. a sum which the arrearages will not meet.
To pay off this indebtedness, & to meet the current expenses for the future, the committee, after consultation with the Treasurer have agreed to recommend an increase of about 33 per cent. on the assessments. The scale of assessments according to this rule is as follows, viz:

Scale of Assessments.

1.	Back Creek	$16.
2.	Bethany	13.
3.	Bethel	13.
4	Bethsda	10
5	Bethphage	17
6.	Center	17.
7.	College Church	7
8.	Concord	13.
9.	Concord Town	27.
10.	Krusilla	1.
11.	Fifth Creek	13.
12.	Fourth Creek	27.
13.	Franklin	5-
14.	Gibbs Mission	5-
15.	Jefferson	1.
16.	Mocksville	5-

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17.	Jenoir	$7.
18.	Mansion	5-
19.	Morganton	13.
20.	Newton	5-
21.	Poplar Tent	27.
22.	Prospect	20
23.	Rocky River	40
24.	Salem	1.
25.	Salisbury	27.
26.	Shiloh	4.
27.	Silvam	5-
28.	Tabor	5
29.	Taylorsville	7.
30.	Third Creek	27.
31.	Thyatira	20
32.	Unity	10
33.	Wilkesboro	3
34.	Zion	2
	Total	$ 418.

Committee { J. Rumple
Wm Murdock

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The Rev A. E. Chandler & Thomas. McConnell ruling elder from Back Creek appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Mr R. B. McAlpine read parts of his trial Sermon on the 1st from 1 John 2:1.2.

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

And he is the propitiation for our sins: & not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

The popular Sermon & exposition Lecture were then referred to the Committee on the Latin Exegesis and Critical Exercise, to examine & report thereon.

The examination in Theology was then resumed, & concluded; & sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

Rev T. P. Johnston appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory reason for tardiness.

Mr McAlpine was then examined on Ecclesiastical History - the Sacraments & Church Government, and the examinations were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

The committee appointed to examine the Latin Exegesis, Critical Exercise, Popular Sermon and Exposition Lecture reported

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recommending their approval as parts of trial. On motion, the recommendation was adopted.

On motion the entire examination was sustained as satisfactory, and the Presbytery thereupon licensed Mr R. B. McAlpine in the constitutional forms to preach the Gospel as a Probationer for the Holy Ministry.

Presbytery then directed Mr McAlpine to labor in Poplar Tent church until the next meeting of Presbytery, if suitable arrangements could be made between him & the congregation.

Rev J. B. Mack in behalf of the committee appointed to visit Fifth Creek church and adjust difficulties, reported that all the difficulties had been settled satisfactorily to all parties and upon christian principles.

The report was received & the committee discharged.

The Minutes were read & approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Prospect Church on the Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in April 1874, 11. o. clock A. M.

Closed with prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William M. Plumer
Stated Clerk

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"Pro re nata meeting".

Davidson College
March 5th 1874.

The Presbytery of Concord met in the Old Chapel of Davidson College in pursuance of a call of the Moderator Rev J. M. Gibbs; viz:
"At the request of two ministers & two ruling Elders of different churches, a meeting of Concord Presbytery will be held in the Old Chapel of Davidson College on the 5th day of March at 11 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of considering the subject of a call from the Second Presbyterian Church in Charlotte for the pastoral services of the Rev J. McKinnon"

Rev T. F. Johnston being the last Moderator present, took the chair & constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called & the following ministers & ruling Elders were present:-

Ministers- T. F. Johnston. J. Rumple. Wm. Shaw. W. A. Wood. J. McKinnon. R. M. Tuttle.

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Ruling Elders - Prof. W. J. Richardson, College Ch, E. H. Marsh Salisbury, C. R. White Concord Town, D. S. Caldwell Poplar Tent, R. H. Morrison Rocky River.

Rev Messrs. C. P. Phillips D.D. - S. H. Dalton & Jacob Doll of Orange Presbytery - Rev J. S. Banks of Mecklenburg Presbytery - J. M. Anderson and Wm Banks of Bethel Presbytery - and Rev J. F. Latimer of the Presbytery of S. C. being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of Mecklenburg Presbytery was read informing this body that Mecklenburg Presbytery on the 10th ult. authorized the Second Presbyterian church of Charlotte, to prosecute a call for the pastoral services of the Rev J. McKinnon member of Concord Presbytery.

The call from said church was then read, promising him (Rev J. McKinnon) $1500.00 in regular quarterly payments and the use of a parsonage during the time he should be & continue to be their pastor; and being found in order & properly attested; it was moved that it be placed in his hands. Under this motion, Messrs D. McDowell & J. P. Alexander - the Commissioners from the Charlotte church being called upon represented the ground on which they pleaded his removal.

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After which, Messrs C. R. White & Calvin Burkhead, the Commissioners from the Concord Church, being called upon, signified their readiness to have the matter issued at the present meeting, & gave reasons why their pastor should be removed; and also presented a petition from the Congregation of Concord, praying for the continuance of their pastor in his present charge & representing the ground on which they opposed his removal.

The Presbytery having heard the parties, after prayer by the Moderator for divine guidance; unanimously decided to continue the Rev S. McKinnon in his present charge; & directed the Stated Clerk to return the call to the Charlotte Church, with suitable expressions of christian sympathy & wishes for their spiritual prosperity.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Prospect Church on the Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in April 1874, 11. o'clock, a.m.

Closed with prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk,

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An alphabetical list of the Churches of Concord Presbytery:

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2 Bethany
3 Bethel
4 Bethsda
5 Bethphage
6 Centre
7 Concord Indell
8 Concord Town.
9 Davidson College
10 Amsilla
11 Fifth Creek
12 Franklin
13 Gibbs Mission.
14 Jefferson
15 [redacted]
16 Marion
17 Mocksville
18 Morganton
19 Mooresville
20 Newton
21 Poplar Tent.
22 Prospect.
23 Rocky River
24 Salem
25 Salisbury
26 Shiloh
27 Siloam
28 Statesville (over)
29. Tabor

30. Taylorsville
31 Third Creek
32 Thyatira
33 Unity
34 Millsboro
35. Zion.

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Presbytery met according to adjournment, at Prospect Church April the 16th 1874. 11 o'clock A.M. and was opened with a Sermon by Rev. J.A.L. Gibbs retiring Moderator from Matt. 5:13.

After Devotional Exercises Presbytery was constituted with Prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following ministers & ruling elders were present.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.	Churches.
Jesse Rumfelt	Alex. Single	Back Creek
T. F. Johnston.	J. A. White	Bethesda
E. F. Rockwell.	A. Johnston.	Bethphage
J. A. Kaplan.	T. W. Sparrow	College Church
J. A. L. Gibbs.	A. R. White	Concord
A. E. Chandler.	E. B. Thompson	Fourth Creek
Wm. P. Chun.	W. A. Thomason	Franklin
F. A. Boyd.	J. J. Hall.	Gilead
S. McC. Rumple	Thos. Brown	Mocksville
L. Taylor, Austin	J. C. Mallard	Morganton
R. M. Pettillo.	A. D. Single	Newton.
	W. L. Harris	Kaplan Mem.
	J. M. West	Prospect
	A. C. Alexander	Rocky River

Roll

Absentees

Absentees during the present Sessions of Presbytery. Ministers. Rumfelt, Kennedy, B. F. Grant and Thos. M. Harris.

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Churches represented:
Bethel. Sandilla. Fifth Creek. Jefferson.
Lincoln. Marion. Siloam. Tabor.
Wilkesboro. Zion.

Rev W. H. Sutton was chosen as moderator, and Rev J. M. Kinnon & D. J. Sugg Ruling Elder from Newton temporary Clerks.

Minutes read & approved.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with.

Reading minutes

The minutes of an adjourned meeting held at Wilmington N.C. Oct 31st 1873. & also of an adjourned meeting held at Poplar Tent Nov 20th 1873. and also the minutes of a Pro re nata meeting held at Davidson College March 5th 1874 were read & approved.

Action in N.C. notice & Pronouncing

On motion it was ordered that a circular letter in the North Carolina Presbyterian signed by the Moderator shall hereafter be regarded as sufficient notice of a Pro re nata meeting of Presbytery

Rev Messrs J. Rumple & J. B. Mack appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

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Rev Messrs W. A. Wood & S. Dayton. Martin rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last regular meeting of Presbytery.

Absentees called on

The Churches unrepresented at the last regular meeting were called on to answer whether they had appointed delegates & had called them to account for their attendance when it appeared that this duty had been performed.

Committees by the Mod.

The Moderator announced the following committees viz:
On Bills & Overtures Rev J. M. Gibbs & Messrs Temple & J. A. White Ruling Elders.
Judicial Committee — Rev J. Hunter & Ruling Elders C. R. White & A. Johnston.
On Minutes of Synod — Rev C. Preston & T. W. Sparrow & C. B. Stimpson Ruling Elders.
Narrative to the Gen. Assembly —
Rev W. A. Wood and W. A. Thomason & J. G. Wall Ruling Elders.
On Systematic Benevolence —
Rev J. Rumple & Thos Brown & J. C. Ballard ruling Elders.
On Institution to examine records & recommend a new committee —
Rev T. S. Paxton and W. S. Harris & Mr J. G. Ramsay.

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Our Sessional Records- Rev. J. D. Martin & Ruling Elders A. C. Alexander & A. C. McIntosh.

Our Sessional Records- Rev. A. E. Chandler & Ruling Elders Jno. Clark & J. T. Graham

Our Sessional Records- Rev. J. B. Mack & Ruling Elders A. J. Eagle & D. H. Sparrow

Sessional Exercises- Rev. Wm. Shaw & Ruling Elders J. H. West & H. Reninger.

Our Sessions- J. A. White, A. C. McIntosh & E. B. Simpson ruling elders.

Mr. R. W. Boyd a licentiate, was received on certificate from Bristol Presbytery &c, to the care of this Presbytery.

A Call from Poplar Tent Church for the pastoral services of Rev. McAlpine licentiate, promising him six hundred dollars for the whole of his time was read & being found in order, was placed in his hands.

Mr McAlpine having declined to accept the call, it was ordered to be returned to the church & permission granted Mr McAlpine to supply said Church until the expiration of the time for which he was engaged to serve them.

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A call from Third Creek Church for the pastoral services of Rev R. W. Boyd licentiate, promising him $300. for one half his time, and also a call from Unity Church for the pastoral services of the same promising him $250. and the use of a parsonage for one half his time were read, & being found in order, were ordered to be placed in his hands.

Mr C. A. King ruling elder from Concord church appeared in Pres. and rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That the judgment of the Presbytery upon the narratives of the churches be endorsed upon said reports & returned to the Clerks of Sessions.

The narratives from the churches were read & referred to the committee on the narrative to the Gen. Assembly with instructions to report separately on said narratives.

J. J. Brawner ruling elder from Salisbury Church appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Mr T. J. Allison a candidate for the gospel ministry, was introduced to Presbytery & on motion, referred to the committee

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on the Languages for examination on his Literary course & Hebrew.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock
Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning
9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and in the absence of the Moderator, Rev D. M. Gibbs, the last moderator present took the chair & opened with prayer.
The roll was called. The minutes read & approved.

Elders appear

Messrs E. Gray ruling elder from Bethany & E. McClellan ruling Elder from Salem Church appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Report of Com. to examine T. J. Allison

Rev E. F. Rockwell from the committee on Languages reported that they had examined Mr T. J. Allison as far as time would permit, on Mathematics, the sciences, the Latin, Greek & Hebrew Languages, & recommended that the examination be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial, which report was adopted.

Com. to re-review assessments

Rev Messrs W. P. Shaw, D. N. Barton and Ruling Elder A. C. Alexander were appointed

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a Committee to review the assessments of the churches, & report at this meeting.

Commissioners to Gen. Assy.

Rev B. G. Beall with Rev E. F. Rockwell as his alternate, and J. W. Bell ruling elder from Mt Carmel church, with E. M. Stevenson ruling elder from Taylorsville as his alternate were appointed commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly to meet at Columbus Miss.

Time & place of next meeting

Morganton was chosen as the place, & Wednesday before the 2nd Sabbath of September next 7 o'clock P.M. as the time for the next regular meeting of this Presbytery.

Com. to arrange for the ordination of W. W. Boyd.

Mr W. W. Boyd licentiate signified his willingness to accept the call placed in his hands from Third Creek & Unity churches; and Rev J. Rumbaugh & Mr J. G. Ramsay were appointed a committee to make arrangements for his ordination & installation, if the way be open.

Papers from Trustees of Davidson College

A paper from M. L. Harris ruling elder touching the interests of Davidson College & Popular Education; also certain papers from the Board of Trustees of said College asking certain changes in the charter & a revision of the constitution of the same

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were read, & referred to a special com, consisting Rev Messrs E. F. Rockwell T. P. Johnston. & W. L. Harris ruling elder, with instructions to report tomorrow morning at 10. o'clock.

Trustees of pres. to sell Smyrna Ch'h prop'ty

The Trustes of Presbytery were authorized to sell the property known as the Smyrna church property & turn over the proceeds of such sale to the Trustes of Shiloh Church for the use of the same

Report of Com. on Colporteur

The committee on Colporteur offered the following report which was accepted & the recomendations therein adopted, viz:

Our report presents the colporteur work as carried on from Aug. 1st 1873. to April 1st 1874. a period of eight months.

For the first two months Mr Pratt & Morrison were the Colporteurs. Since Oct 1st 1873. the Rev T. P. Johnston has been the Colporteur: he having been elected to that position by Presbytery in April 1873.

During the eight months, $160 2/100 worth of books have been sold; of which amount $500 worth were sold by Mr Morrison, $700 by Rev T. P. Johnston, & $200 by the members of the committee. The sales have thus averaged $200 per month.

The capital furnished us by Presbytery; viz: $1265; has been more than doubled. This has been done (1) by private donations

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to the amount of $445 (2) by the profits on sales. There is now on hands the outfit of the colporteur, costing $162; books costing $280; $56 21/100 in cash; & $28 32/100 in account that may be regarded as cash.

Twenty nine of the 34 churches of this pres. have been visited, & also 3 others in adjoining Presbyteries. Nine of these churches have been induced to adopt the Hymn Book published by our Gen'l Assembly; & six Sabbath Schools have been supplied with Library books.

In counting of the extent of the work can be seen, when we state that over 700 Hymn Books, over 200 McDuff's Family Prayers & about 250 Catechisms have been sold.

Most of the books have been purchased from & through the Publication Committee at Richmond Va. Some, however, have been purchased directly from the house of Pratt Carter & Bro. This house publishes a number of books exactly suited to Sabbath School & family instruction, & which are in demand among our people. On this account we made arrangement with them for obtaining their publications, which arrangement has been one of the chief reasons why this work has been so remarkably successful.

In looking forward to the future, there are several Statements with reference to this work which should be made.

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1st Hereafter ministers & Sabbath Schools will be allowed 15 per cent discount on purchases, instead of 10 per cent, as heretofore
(2) The Colporteur should have Bibles along with him, so as to supply those wanting the word of God.
(3) This work should be made permanent if possible, (4) We recommend the re-appointment of the Rev D. P. Johnston as Colporteur for the coming year. He has been a faithful, laborious & successful workman.
We cannot close our report without expressing our heartfelt gratitude to God for the great success & blessed results of this work.

Com. { J. B. Mack
H. M. Grimm
J. J. Allison

Death of Rev L. C. Milton announced

The death of Rev L. C. Milton a member of this Presbytery was announced. Whereupon Rev W. A. Wood & H. C. McPherson Ruling Elders were appointed a committee to draft a minute expressive of the feelings of this body.

Leave of absence was granted Rev J. M. Gibbs & J. J. Hall ruling elder after this morning session.

Rev S. Taylor Martin from a com. on Sessional records reported on the

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Report on Sessional records

records of College Church, Bethesda, Back Creek, Fifth Creek recommending their approval with certain exceptions and also on the records of Concord Town Church recommending its approval this report was adopted & the exceptions noted on the respective books.

Rev J. B. Mack from a committee on Sessional Records reported on the records of Zion & Thyatira recommending their approval; & also on the records of Hayesville Unity & Salisbury Churches, recommending their approval with exceptions.

Report on Sessional records

The report was adopted & the exceptions ordered to be noted on the books to which they were taken respectively.

Report of Evangelist

Rev J. B. Mack presented his report as Evangelist which was accepted & referred to the Institution Committee.

Report on Treasurer's Book.

C. R. White ruling Elder, from the committee to examine the Treasurer's book & accounts reported the following which was approved:
The committee appointed to examine & audit the Treasurers books & accounts report that they have examined the books & find it neatly & correctly kept and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers & recommend that it be approved.

C. R. White, Clk.

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The committee previously appointed to supervise the purchase of a home for the family of Rev S. B. Millen presented the following report which was approved viz: The committee appointed to aid Rev S. B. Millen in procuring a home would respectfully report.

That after looking around & enquiring after different places, Your committee, with the approbation of Mr Millen, purchased the plantation on which Mr Millen lived, of Mr E. M. Stevenson.

There are 120 acres of land, a portion of which is under cultivation, has on it a comfortable dwelling house & good outbuildings, a well of good water. The land is most of it good & timber enough to keep it up.

It is situated about 4½ miles from Concord Church in Pickens Co, on the road from Pickensville to Taylorsville

Your committee paid for the 120 acres $1200 dollars.

Of the $1200 dollars promised for the place, all has been paid but $96.70 for which E. M. Stevenson holds Mr Millen's obligation & to whom he has executed a bond for title when the balance is paid.

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Of the funds paid for the place, your committee rec'd of D. A. Davis Treasurer of Presbytery

1 Check	$ 169.15
Cash	$ 16.20
	185.35

From Rev Mr Stevens of New York
1 Check for $ 320.00

From D. A. Davis a Check from Rev Mr McClanahan (through Rev. Mr Campbell) Columbia S. C. $ 200.00

$ 705.35

Rev S. B. Millen paid - $ 377.95
and what interest had accrued 110.35
to 8th of April 1874.
There is still due $ 96.70
$ 1200.00

This matter has not been free of difficulties but your committee have cheerfully given it what attention was necessary & have the satisfaction of knowing that they so far succeeded in consummating what was entrusted to us as to fully satisfy the mind of Mr Millen before he was called away that a comfortable home was secured to his wife & children after he was gone.

Respectfully submitted
A. Coulter Pastor & Chm

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Comm. on Colportage to pay Remainder of debt due on the home of Mr Millen

The committee on Colportage was instructed to pay the remainder due on the home of Rev. Mr. Millen out of any profits that may arise from the sale of books during the next six months.

Report on Sess. Records

Leave of absence was granted Mr Nash, Johnston & W. C. Thomason.

Mr J. B. Ramsay ruling elder, from a committee to examine Sessional Records reported on the records of Franklin & Tibb's Mission, recommending their approval. Which was adopted.

Report of Com. on Sustentation

Rev J. Temple Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee of Sustentation, submitted a report which was referred to the committee on the Records of Sustentation.

Colby Ch. to employ Mr Phillips & Mr Patton

The following resolution was adopted:-
Resolved, That the College Church have leave to employ the Rev Charles Phillips & Rev Daniel Pharr Patton and the Rev J. F. Anderson of South Carolina as their Stated Supplies for the present year at a Salary of $300.

Back Creek Ch. to employ A. E. Chandler

Permission was granted Back Creek Church to employ the Rev A. E. Chandler as their supply for one year, from Jan 1st 1874 to Jan 1st 1875, for one half his time at a salary of $400 dollars in half yearly installments

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Also permission was granted to Bethesda Church to employ Rev A. E. Chandler as their Stated supply one half of his time for one year, from Jan 1st 1874 to Jan 1st 1875 at a Salary of $300 dollars in half yearly installments.

Bethesda Ch. to employ A. E. Chandler

Report on narrations of Churches

The committee to whom were referred the narratives of the Churches, reported recommending the approval of each with exceptions. which report was adopted & the exceptions noted on the respective reports & ordered to be returned to the Clerks of the Session.

The Statistical reports of the churches were read & placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

Report on Sess. Records.

Rev A. E. Chandler from a committee on Sessional records reported on the records Poplar Tent. Newton. Marion. Lenoir. & Fourth Creek recommending their approval: & also on the records of Statesville recommending their approval with one exception which report was adopted & the exception noted on the book to which it was taken.

Report on Sess. Records

Rev S. Taylor Martin from a committee on Sessional records, reported on the records of Centre Church recommending their approval, which was adopted.

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Leave of absence
Granted

Leave of absence was granted Rev Messrs S. Taylor Martin, W. A. Wood and C. H. King & D. W. Sparrow after this evening session.

Minute on death of Rev S. C. Miller

The committee appointed to prepare a minute touching the death of Rev S. C. Miller, submitted the following which was accepted & adopted; viz:

The committee appointed to bring in a minute with reference to the death of Rev S. C. Miller beg leave to report, that they are informed that that reverend Brother died at his residence in Iredell Co, on Monday the 14th of April 1874 in the ____ year of his age, after a lingering illness which has laid him aside from active labor for two or more years past. It is within the knowledge of your committee from personal conference, that the last days of this Brother were full of faith, patience & hope - desiring to depart to be with Christ, & yet waiting patiently until his change come.

A good man has passed away from amongst us.

Respectfully submitted
W. A. Wood (Chn)

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Com to prepare Minute of Obit of S. C. Miller

Rev E. F. Rockwell & A. C. McIntosh were appointed to prepare a biographical Sketch of the life & labors of Rev S. C. Miller, to be submitted at the next regular meeting.

Exam. of D. J. Allison

It was made the first order of the day on tomorrow morning to examine Mr D. J. Allison with a view to licensure; and the order of the day for 11 o'clock A. m. to, this trial Session.

Davd. Findley message from.

A message was received from Rev Mr Findley, a minister of this presbytery & a missionary to South Africa, regretting his inability to be present at this meeting, & expressing the hope of being present at the next Fall meeting of this body.

Less. Wardens Reports

Rev S. Taylor Martin reported on the records of Bethany church recommending their approval. which was adopted.

Leave Absence.

Leave of absence after tomorrow morning's session was granted to E. S. Stimson & J. J. Brown ruling Elders.

J. D. Mack Sketch of Rocky River

Rev J. D. Mack, previously appointed to prepare a historical sketch of Rocky River church, reported his work unfinished & was continued.

D. J. Allison Critical Exercise

On motion, the Critical Exercise of Mr D. J. Allison was referred to Rev E. F. Rockwell for examination & report.

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Evangelist to be elected

Presbytery unanimously decided to employ an Evangelist.

Com to draft the field &c.

Rev Messrs Wm. P. Shaw, D. N. Payton, and J. Rankin & Ewell Clellan ruling Elder were appointed a committee to mark out the field & fix the salary of the proposed Evangelist.

Report Sess. records.

Rev A. E. Chandler from a committee on Sessional records, reported on the records of Prospect Church, recommending their approval, which report was accepted & adopted

Report Judicial Com.

The judicial committee reported that no business had come into their hands & asked to be discharged. The report was accepted & the committee discharged.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning
April 18th 9 o'clock

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

Report on Critical Exercises of T. J. Allison

The committee to whom the Critical Exercises of Mr T. J. Allison was referred reported on the same recommending its approval as a Satisfactory part of trial, which was adopted.

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Stated Clk, to purchase a new Book,

The Stated Clerk was authorized to purchase a new book for Presbyterial Records & to draw on the Treasurer of Presbytery for payment of the same.

The first order of the day was taken up when Presbytery proceeded to the examination of T. J. Allison Candedate, on Theology and Church History, which examination was sustained.

Ordination & installation of R. W. Boyd as pastor

The following report was read & adopted:

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination & installation of Mr R. W. Boyd as pastor over Unity & Third Creek churches, if the way be clear, would recommend the following:

1st That when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Unity church on Friday before the third Sabbath of May next. at 10 o'clock, A. M.

2. That after the customary Examination Mr R. W. Boyd be required to deliver a written discourse on Eph II: 8. 9.

3. That the Rev E. F. Rockwell preside, preach the ordination Sermon & propose the constitutional questions.

4. That Rev J. Rankin deliver the charge to the pastor & Rev W. A. Wood deliver a charge to the people.

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(5) That Rev A. E. Chandler be alternate to Rev E. F. Rodwell - that Rev J. T. Martin be alternate to Rev W. A. Wood.

Com. to arrange for the ordination of W. W. Boyd report.

(6) That the Congregation of Third Creek be present, either in a body or by their representatives, & participate in the installation services.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. Ramsay (Clerk)

Leave of absence was granted Rev E. F. Rodwell & Dr J. F. Ramsay ruling elder.

The committee on the minutes of Synod offered the following report which was accepted & adopted: viz:

Report on Minutes of Synod.

The committee appointed to report on the minutes of last Synod, beg leave to call attention of Presbytery to the resolution on page 9th in reference to uniting feeble churches into pastorates. To the assessment of $1 50 dollars on this Presbytery on page 19.
And also on the same page the resolution directing Ruling Elders to send reports on Sabbath Schools to the Synodical Agent.

Respectfully submitted
E. F. Rodwell
E. B. Stimson

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Report of Com. on D. College papers.

The committee to which certain papers from the Trustees of Davidson College were referred, reported advising the adoption of the following resolutions, which were read & adopted seriatim & as a whole; viz:

The Presbytery of Concord, desiring to extend the influence, & increase the patronage & resources of Davidson College hereby resolves:

Resolution touching D. College

1. That the Trustees of the College be authorized (the other Presbyteries concurring) to accept the amendments to the Charter of Davidson College granted by the Legislature of North Carolina and ratified on the eleventh day of December one thousand, eight hundred & seventy three.

2. That whenever the Board of Trustees shall ask it the Presbytery of Concord will reduce the number of Trustees elected by it from thirteen to eight, & that the other five shall be at the disposal of the Board.

3. That the Board of Trustees be authorized, (the other Presbyteries concurring) to invite such other Presbyteries in our connection as may be willing, to unite with us in the controll of the College, and may extend to them the privilege of electing such a number of Trustees as may be determined by the Board,

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4. That the Trustees of the College be authorized to amend the constitution of the College, and to ratify the same without further reference to the Presbyteries: Provided such amendments shall not conflict with the Charter of the College, nor with the fundamental principles upon which the College is organized.

Com. { E. F. Rockwell
T. P. Johnston
W. L. Davis

The same committee to whom was referred a paper offered by Ruling Elder W. L. Davis touching the financial interests of Davidson College & the interests of popular Education presented an additional report, pending the consideration of which, Rev C. Phillips of Orange Presbytery, and Rev Mr. Williams of the N.C. Conference, appeared in Presbytery & were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Report of Com. on financial interests of D. College

Prof. W. J. Martin & Mr Phillips were invited to express their views on the paper pending discussion.

Presbytery then took a recess of five minutes, after which they met to hear the trial sermon of the Candidate T. J. Allison.

After sermon, the unfinished business was resumed, and the report of the Com. was amended & adopted, and is as follows, viz:-

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Whereas this Presbytery deems it a matter of paramount importance to advance the cause of popular education among our people, in order to supply the demands of society for educated talents, especially in our changed circumstances, & to reconstruct the pillars of Christian civilization:

Resolution touching the interests of D. College

1. Resolved, That the ministers of this Presbytery be required to present this subject to their charges; and as a matter of Christian duty to keep it before the minds of their people.

2. That it is the duty of each minister to explain & advocate the claims of Davidson College, to the support & patronage, of the Presbyterian population of the South; so that in due time it may become able by gifts & legacies to afford all the facilities for education, demanded by the progress of the age.

3d That as the sums so often bequeathed to our churches, are an evil to them, rather than a benefit, our ministers be requested to teach their people, the superior advantage of turning their beneficence, by gift or legacy to the corporate institutions of our church, so that Davidson College may be able by such means, to send out men fully qualified to maintain in every sphere, a high & pure Christian civilization.

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4. That this Presbytery send a copy of these resolutions to the Presbyteries associated with it in the management of Davidson College, & earnestly request their co-operation with its efforts, & those of the Alumni of the institution to secure an endowment of not less than one hundred thousand dollars.

Chs. to be called on at fall meeting as to D. College.

5. That in order to carry out these resolutions, Presbytery directs that our ministers make a statement respecting D. College from the pulpit, at least once a year; & that at every fall meeting of Presbytery the roll be called & ringing made of them whether they have discharged this duty.

Com. { E. F. Rockwell, T. P. Johnston, M. L. Harris

Leave of absence was granted Messrs A. J. Leagle, J. Cuthbertland & N. Brevigen ruling elders.

Reports on Sab. Schools.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence presented a report which was accepted & ordered to be transmitted to the Gen. Assembly.

The following report was read, approved:-

The committee appointed to receive a settlement between Dr. Phan & the Churches of Franklin & Tryatira, would report as follows; viz:-

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That they have visited these churches - that Franklin church has been making efforts to pay the whole of their indebtedness to Dr. Phan amounting to $130. $50. dollars of which has already been paid. Perhaps by this time, that church has been able to meet all its dues.

Report of Com. to collect the salary of Dr. Phan

As to Tryatira, we regret that we cannot say so much. On examination of books, papers & receipts &c. we found the Church due Dr. Phan $222,31 but owing to the present condition of the church, we felt assured that that amount could not be very soon or very easily raised; Consequently, inasmuch as Dr. Phan had given us liberty to do as we thought best, we made a proposition to the church to this effect:- That we would receipt them in full for all arrearages upon the payment to Dr. Phan, by this meeting of Presbytery, the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars.

R. M. Tuttle, Chn. com.

Sab. Sch. Report.

The agent of Sabbath Schools, Rev. R. M. Tuttle, made a report which was rec'd adopted & ordered to be transmitted to the Gen. Assembly.

Report on Education.

The presbyterial committee of Education made the following report, which was accepted & adopted; viz:

The committee of Education would report that from Aug 20th 1873 to April 14th 1874, we have had nine candidates under our care; viz:

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T. J. Allison, member of College Church,
J. B. Allison " " Concord Town
T. J. Deltzer " " " "
H. P. Julian " " Salisbury.
J. A. Ramsay " " "
C. W. Robinson " " Poplar Tent.
M. F. Reinhardt — Mo
R. L. Stimson " " Fourth Creek
J. C. Donell " " Unity

Report on Education.

Of these, T. J. Allison has just completed his course at the N. T. Seminary Va.
J. B. Allison is pursuing his Theological Studies at Columbia Seminary S. C.
T. J. Deltzer is in the preparatory department & is receiving instruction in Concord.
H. P. Julian will be graduated at Davidson College this year.
J. A. Ramsay, C. W. Robinson & R. L. Stimson are pursuing their studies at D. College
As to M. F. Reinhardt we know but little. At last accounts he was said to be teaching in Mo. Though he has been repeatedly written to, we have had no reply, & we know not where he is at present or what are his intentions as to the ministry.
J. C. Donell lately returned from Texas, where he had been teaching & of whose death we have just heard.

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We have five beneficiaries:
T. J. Deltzer.
H. P. Julian
J. A. Ramsay
C. W. Robinson
& R. L. Stimson.

We are glad to state that our candidates in College sustain good moral character, are studious & are making good progress.

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Appropriations.

We have appropriated during the present year $419.10 viz:

To T. J. Deltzer - $229.10
" H. P. Julian - 150.00
" J. A. Ramsay - 35.00
" C. W. Robinson - 5.00
" R. L. Stimson - 75.00
Total $419.10

There is now in the Treasurer's hands $33.77.

Your committee beg leave to offer the following:

Name of Reinhardt stricken out

1. Inasmuch as M. F. Reinhardt has not been heard from for several years & we do not even know whether he is living or not:
Resolved. That his name be stricken from our roll of Candidates & the Stated Clerk informed of the fact.

2. Inasmuch as there has been a falling off in the contributions of the churches to this Synod

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during the year of $166.13. Thereupon—

Resolved. That Presbytery urge ministers & Elders not only to present this cause to the people, but to do all they can to increase the contributions to this cause during the ensuing year.

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3. Brethren we have learned with deep regret of the death of one of our candidates; viz: J. C. Powell. Therefore—

Death of J. C. Powell Candidate. Notice.

Resolved. That this Presbytery mourn & express its appreciation of his devoted piety, his assiduity in study, & his high sense of honor & great integrity.

R. M. Tuttle. Clerk.

T. J. Allison Exam. sustained

The examination of Mr T. J. Allison was resumed, when he was examined on the Sacraments and Church government.

On motion the examination of Mr T. J. Allison as a whole was sustained as satisfactory.

A certificate of the graduation & attainments of Mr T. J. Allison, from the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary, was read.

T. J. Allison Licensed.

On motion Presbytery proceeded to license Mr T. J. Allison according to the constitutional forms, to preach the gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry.

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The committee of Sustentation made a report on supplies, recommending the following following, which was accepted & adopted, viz:-

Supplies

That Rev E. P. Rockwell spend one Sabbath at Mocksville.

Rev J. B. Mack one Sabbath at Mocksville & one at Third Creek.

Rev S. McKinnon one Sabbath at Franklin.

Rev J. Rumple one Sabbath at Bethel.

Rev Wm. R. Shaw one Sabbath at Thyatira.

Rev R. M. Tuttle one Sabbath at Hillsboro.

Rev Messrs Wood & D. D. Martin one Sabbath each at Salem.

Rev B. L. Beall one Sabbath at Jefferson.

Rev T. D. Johnston one Sabbath at Mocksville.

R. N. Boyd one Sabbath at Franklin.

and that T. J. Allison spend one Sabbath at Thyatira, Franklin & Mocksville each.

J. Rumple, Clerk.

Narrative & part.

Rev W. A. Wood from the committee to prepare the narrative on the State of religion for the use of the Gen. Assembly, reported the narrative which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

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The committee appointed to re-revise the assessments of the churches reported, recommending the following assessments of the churches, which was adopted; viz:-

List of Assessments.

Back Creek	$ 12.00
Bethany	7.00
Bethel	9.00
Bethsda	9.00
Bethphage	11.00
Centre	11.00
College	10.00
Concord Iredell	15.00
Concord Davie	35.00
Deniella	1.00
Fifth Creek	10.00
Fourth Creek	35.00
Franklin	11.00
Gibbs Mission	5.00
Jefferson	1.00
Mocksville	5.00
Tennis	9.00
Marion	5.00
Morganton	16.00
Newton	6.00
Poplar Tent	21.00
Prospect	24.00
Rocky River	39.00
Salem	2.00
Salisbury	35.00

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Siloam	4.00
Shiloh	$4.00
Tabor	4.00
Taylorsville	9.00
Third Creek	11.00
Thyatira	11.00
Unity	11.00
Williamsboro	3.00
Zion	2.
Total	

Com. { Wm. A. Lash, T. N. Paxton, E. McClellan, A. C. Alexander.

Evangelist Report on field, &c.

The committee appointed to manage out the field, prescribe the labors & fix the salary of the proposed Evangelist, made a report recommending the following, which was accepted & adopted; viz:-

1. That the labors of the Evangelist be mainly, if not exclusively, confined to the vacant churches & destitute points east of the mountains.

2. That it be the duty of the Evangelist to visit these churches & destitute points, as frequently as practicable - holding meetings - administering the Sacraments, where and when desirable - to take up collections for the various objects of benevolence - to interest himself in securing Pastors for said churches, & in general, to indoctrinate the people in the truths

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of a pure & evangelical faith. ✓

3d That the salary of the Evangelist be fixed at $1000 dollars per annum, payable in quarterly installments; & that, in order to raise this amount, we call upon all the churches to respond with liberality, & especially the vacant churches which enjoy the benefits of the Evangelists labors, & some of which are self-sustaining.

Com, { Mayr. Sloan, J. Brantley, T. N. Paxton

The committee appointed to examine the records & the report of the Sustentation Com, made the following report, which was received & adopted; viz:

Report of Com. on Sus. Com's report.

The committee report that they have examined the books & report of the Sustentation Committee & recommend that they be approved.

We recommend that the report be approved & the recommendation to request the Evangelist to labor a number months & that his salary be paid in full as soon as practicable be adopted.

The committee would nominate the same committee, whose term of service has just expired, to serve another year, with the exception of Mr W. S. Davis, who wishes to be excused on account of the state of his health.

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in his stead, we would nominate Mr Columbus R. White.

The Institution committee is as follows.

J. Kemple (Chr)
W. A. Wood
J. B. Black
S. McKinnon
N. Summerell
J. M. Worrah
S. F. Cannon
C. R. White.

The Treasurer pro-tem, submitted his report, which was accepted & ordered to be transmitted to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

On motion, the usual vote of thanks was tendered to the people of Prospect Church for their kindness & hospitality to the members of this Presbytery.

The minutes were read & approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Unity Church on Friday before the 3d Sabbath of May next. at 10. o'clock A. M.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William W. Sloan
Stated Clerk

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Appendix.

No 1.

The Narrative to the Genl. Assembly,

It is with devout Thanksgiving to our Divine Head, Jesus Christ our Lord, that we record marks of his special favor to a great number of the churches under our care.

Very many of these have had a great work of grace during the past year.

They report, in many instances, large additions on examination; & in most cases the multiplication of prayer meetings through the congregations, with increasing attendance upon them; & in almost all cases an increased attendance on the usual Sabbath services; also, growing & flourishing Sabbath Schools.

There are two other facts in this connection which we note with gratitude to God.

There has been an evident advancement in the grace of giving; & our pastors and Church Sessions have been more faithful this year, than last, in imparting Catechetical instruction to the young, though this has not been done so much by private, as by public means. i.e. the word has been taught rather through the Sabbath Schools, than through the family.

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During 5 months of the past year, we have had an Evangelist.
His labors have been abundant & the blessing has been great.
The field occupied by him embraced some 6 Churches. At eleven of these there were marked revivals of religion.
In one case there were forty-seven.
50 of whom professed a hope in Christ.
During these 5 months, we have also had a Colporteur distributing the books of our Publication Committee.
His work is under the direction of a Committee of Presbytery. It has been attended with great success. During this time $160 or dollars worth of books have been sold.
We feel that God has poured out his Spirit from on high. We believe our churches are beginning to realize the power of prayer. That they are looking away from the feeble instrumentality of man, to the almighty grace of the Holy Ghost as the only agency in the conversion of sinners.
In the last place, we note some instances of discouragement.
We learn with sorrow that so many of our churches report cases which have required discipline; but have reason to hope that that discipline was exercised to vindicate the honor of Christ.

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We also regret to say that there are many vacant churches in our bounds, but the number of these is becoming less. Some of these vacancies have been recently supplied with the Sealed ~~ministry~~ ministry of the word.

R. M. Tuttle (Mod,

Appendix No 2.

Systematic Benevolence.

The report of the Presbytery of Concord to the Gen. Assembly, for the year ending April 1874.-

Objects	Number of Congregations contributing	Amount
Relief for Disabled min	18	contributed $ 298.
Education	21.	" 1214
Sustentation	25-	" 906
Publication	23	" 412
For. Missions	23	" 708
Miscellaneous	20	" 532
		Total $ 4070.

18 Congregations have contributed to all the 5 objects ordered by the Gen. Assembly; 4 have contributed to 4 of them; 3 have contributed to 3 of them; one to two of them; One to one of them; 10 to none of them. So per as reported.

Remarks: The Presbytery would further report that 28 of our 34 Churches, have sent in Statistical reports. Three of these reported nothing contributed to either of the 5 objects. Six of our Chs, have altogether failed to report. In comparing our report with the one sent up last year, we discover that the Total number of Churches contributing is the same in each, but the aggregate is nearly $ 300. dollars less this year than it was last. W. W. Adam (Stated Clk)

Appendix No 3.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

See 46 & 47.

Presbyterial Report on Sabbath Schools

Names of Schools	No. on rolls		Average attendance		Increase		Decrease		No. Added to Church		Amt. contributed for Sunday school	Amt. contributed for For. Missions
	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers	Scholars		
Back Creek	6	60	5	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$ 600
Bellamy	8	50	8	30	-	-	-	-	8	9	10	-
Bethphage	6	65	4	50	-	10.	-	-	-	-	6.	2
Centre	7	55	6	40	1	-	-	-	-	8.	28.	7.
College Church	11	42	9	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.
" Colored	12	40		-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Concord Town	18	100	14	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	19.
Fifth Creek	9	70	7	39	2	24	-	-	-	15	44	-
Fourth Creek	13	130	11	74	-	-	2	-	-	-	28	5
Franklin	8	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Lenoir	14	63	13	45	1	-	-	-	-	5	13	6
Marion	6	25	5	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Morganton	9	30	9	20	-	-	-	-	8	5	-	15
Newton	4	25	4	22	-	-	1	5	4	4	4	-
Poplar Tent	16	153	15	66	6	102	-	-	-	3	12	3.
Prospect	8	30	8	25	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-
Rocky River	20	185	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-
Salisbury	17.	138	17	60	3	13	3	28	-	17	15	17.
Taylorsville	6	40	5	35	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5
Third Creek	12	70	7	50	-	-	-	-	3	40	-	-
Thyatira	10	100	10	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unity	7	50	5	30	-	-	-	-	7	10	-	-
Concord 3rd	0	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-
	21	202	1647	162	767	13	147	7	44	27	146	232	85

Remarks: Of our 34 Churches, 21 have reported Schools. 3 have reported no Schools. 10 have made no report. Three Schools are reported as under the supervision & control of the Pastor & Session, with very few exceptions. The Catechisms are generally taught in these Schools. The Sacred Treasure & Children's Friend are generally Text-Books. Besides the Bible & Standards of the Church, a great variety of books are in use. Several of the Schools report special religious interest during the past year, & an encouraging number have been admitted to sub-

Wm. S. Lyon, Stated Clerk

To the Genl. Assembly, for the year ending April 1, 1874.

Presbyterial report to the Synod, Assembly, &c.

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Synod, &c.
5 Licentiates & 6 Candidates; viz:-

Ministers, Licentiates and Candidates	Post Offices	Churches	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate
Jesse Franklin D.	Lenoir N.C.	Lenoir P.	9	3
Neal Smith	Fills, Fort Natal S. Africa	Bethel "	-	-
	Salisbury N.C.	Franklin "	3	1
T. P. Johnston D.D.	Morganton	Kennesaw "	-	-
	Davidson College	College Church S.S.	5	1
E. F. Rockwell S.S.	Cool Springs	Fifth Creek S.S.	42	11
	" "	Bethany Church S.S.	8	-
D. N. Easton C.	Marion "	Marion P.	-	5
	" "	Siloam S.S.	1	-
G. M. Gibbs S.S.	Hickory Station	Gibbs Mission S.S.	1	22
	Rock Cut "	Shiloh S.S.	1	8
E. G. Beall S.S.	Lenoir "	Taylorsville S.S.	4	3
	Jefferson "	Jefferson "	-	-
J. Kennedy P.	Salisbury "	Salisbury P.	22	6
	Mocksville "	Mocksville "	2	1
Wm. M. Starr P.	Mt. Mourne "	Bethphage P.	8	3
	" "	Centre P.	7	2
A. E. Chandler S.S.	Mt Ulla "	Back Creek S.S.	1	6
	Amity Hill "	Bethesda S.S.	4	1
W. A. Wood P.	Statesville "	Fourth Creek P.	-	15
	Salisbury "	Thyatira "	5	-
J. B. Mack P.	Harris Depot "	Rocky River P.	27	9
	Morganton "	Morganton S.S.	4	1
	Fancy Hill	Concord S.S.	65	1

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- That it consists of 16 ministers, & has under its care 34 Chs,

Total of Communicants	Baptisms Adults	Baptisms Infants	Bible Class in Sab. School.	Sunday Scholars	Bon. Missions	Education	Publication	Disabled Ministers & Widows &c.	Pastors Salaries actually paid	Congregational	Miscellaneous
60	4	2	45	39	63	17	9	35-	300	78	10.
39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	no report.
173	2	3	50	-	-	-	-	-	113	-	5-
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	-	3	Colls. 42 22/52	37	10	22	42	8	300	3	12.
127	13	14	70	6	5	3	4	-	137	250	30
78	-	7	25-	11	14	4	-	-	100	-	-
37	-	1	22	14	4	5	12	6	200	-	30
46	-	2	35-	3	5	4	8	5-	118	29	13.
23	-	1	-	4	2	1	2	1	112	6	6
37	1	3	-	2	-	-	1	-	80	-	-
83	-	6	40	28	11	13	4	22	175-	-	15-
11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
140	6	5-	138	115-	57	85-2	20	20	1300	900	65-
28	-	4	-	23	-	-	5-	-	-	2	5-
190	-	4	65	7	5-	4	3	15	325-	15	25-
121	1	13	55	37	14	12	5	20	301	593	22
88	1	2	65-	5	13	3	12	4	472	20	10
80	-	5	-	5	3	-	2	-	-	-	-
163	-	7	130	64	103	41	11	-	675-	246	-
134	1	12	100	-	-	-	-	-	125-	-	3.
366	3	23	175-	89	144	129	148	69	900	489	-
75	-	6	30	56	23	14	18	25-	450	180	20
164	6	23	76-	36	46	4	3	-	150	-	8

Presbyterial report to the Synod.

	Ministers Licentiates and Candidates	Post Offices	Churches	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Total of Communicants
S. Hall	Kinmont	Concord N.C.	Concord Church	24	12	154
				24	12	154
		Stony point.	Salem "	—	—	27
J. Taylor	Martin	Mrs. Statesville N.C.	Talbot S.S.	—	—	30
R. A.	Dudley	Mooresville "	Prospect "	31	4	355
J. W.	Davis	Lockhow China,	Newton "	1	—	31
Licentiates	5.	Concord "	Zion "	1	16	17
J. C.	Kennedy	Mt Mourne "	Poplar Tent	4, 6	1	111
D. S.	Clifford	Prudville "	Unity "	12	1	95
R. W	Boyd	Wood Steep "	Third Creek	8, 4)	2	125
R. B.	McAlpine	Concord "	Wilkesboro "	—	—	21
J. J.	Allison.	Davidson College.				
Candidates	6.		Total 34	341	145	1345

Licentiates 2, Ordinations one, Pastoral relations dissolved three, Churches organized two. The Rev J. A. Miller has since removed by death since the last report.

Wm H Shaw.
Stated Clerk.

Assembly to meet at Columbus Miss. continued.

Baptisms Infants	Baptisms Adults	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Sabbath Schools	Contributions for Missions	Education	Publication	Sabbath schools & Missionary	Pastors Salaries actually paid	Congregational	Miscellaneous
154	4	18	100	137	59	49	50	37	1000	3258	
4	18	100	137	59	49	50	37	1000	3258	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3	30	60	5	5	13	5	18	800	200	47.	
1	2	25	21	6	5	9	6.	171	—	8	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	3	153	50	30	23	24	32	351	24	85	
—	3	50	34	10	—	16	7	90	1500	27	
7	6	70	35	2	3	6	3	70	—	27.	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
53.	205.	1670	921.	724.	122	446	313	7915	8393	533.	

1874 Adjourned Meeting.

Trinity Church
May 15th 1874.

May 15th Concord Presbytery met according to adjournment at Trinity Church May 15th 1874. & was opened with prayer by the Rev E F. Rockwell, appointed to preside.

Present ministers:- Rev J. Rankin. Rev E F. Rockwell & Rev W. A. Wood.

Ruling Elders: Nelson Penninger from Trinity Church. Dr J. G. Ramsay from Third Creek and Thos. Brown from Mocksville.

Dr J. G. Ramsay was appointed temporary Clerk.

The Rev G. B. Wetmore of the Episcopal church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion, Rev Messrs J. Rankin and E F. Rockwell were appointed to examine Mr R. W. Boyd Licentiate, with a view to his ordination & installation & report.

Presbytery then took recess until 2. o'clock P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met & was called to order.

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Adjourned meeting. Unity Church.

May 15th

The trial Sermon of Mr R. W. Boyd from Eph II: 8.9. was heard & sustained as a satisfactory part of Trial.

The committee appointed to examine Mr R. W. Boyed with a view to his ordination reported that they had attended to that duty & recommended that the examination be sustained as satisfactory, which report was adopted.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of Mecklenburg Presbytery, certifying that Mecklenburg Pres, had appointed a committee consisting of Rev Messrs Wm H. Davis, Wm McDonald, & Saml N. H. Hill, to confer with a similar committee of Concord Presbytery, to arrange a plan of Colportage, & carry into effect the same as soon as practicable after having submitted their plan to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, & that in the mean time the Rev T. F. Johnston of Concord Presbytery be invited to visit their churches with the books he is distributing.

Comm. on Colportage Mecklenburg.

On motion, the committee on Colportage consisting of Rev J. D. Black, Rev E. McKinnon & J. F. Allison ruling elder, were authorized to confer with the above named committee & arrange a plan of Colportage & report the results

Comm. Colportage Concord.

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Adjourned meeting. Unity Church.

of their conference at the fall meeting of this Presbytery,

May 15th

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Session of Third Creek Church, certifying that, at a congregational meeting of Third Creek congregation, held May the 10th & duly called; the Elders & Deacons, & as many of the members of said church as could be present, were unanimously appointed & authorized as their representatives to participate in the installation of Mr R. W. Boyd as pastor of Unity & Third Creek churches

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 10½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev E. D. Mitchell.

May 16th

Saturday Morning 10½ o'clk
May 16th

Presbytery met, according to adjournment, & was opened with prayer.

Moses Leingle, ruling elder from Back Creek Church appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.

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Adjourned Meeting. Unity Church.

May 16 Presbytery then proceeded to the ordination and installation of Mr R. M. Boyd.

Rev E. F. Rockwell presided - preached the Ordination Sermon & propounded the constitutional questions: when Mr R. M. Boyd was solemnly ordained & set a part to the full work of the ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and installed pastor of the Churches of Unity and Third Creek.

After which Rev Jesse Rankin delivered a charge to the pastor, & Rev W. A. Wood delivered a charge to the people.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Morganton on Wednesday before the 2nd Sabbath of September next. at 7 o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

William M. Pharr.
Stated Clerk.

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The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment in Morganton Sept 9th 1874, and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator Rev R.L. Tuttle from 2 Cor XI: 30. "If I must needs glory I will glory in the things which concern mine infirmities".

After sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called & the following ministers & ruling Elders were present:

Ministers.	Churches.	Elders
Jesse Rankin.	Bethesda.	E. McNeely
Dand. Lindsay.	Centre.	R. A. Alexander
Thomas. P. Johnston.	College Church.	T. W. Sparrow
E. F. Rockwell.	Concord Cobb.	J. M. Alexander
T. N. Taylor.	Concord Town.	J. J. Allison
G. M. Gibbs.	Fourth Creek.	J. R. Adams
B. L. Grall.	Franklin.	S. S. Trotter
A. E. Chandler.	Mocksville.	Thomas. Brown
Wm W. Phar.	Senior.	H. C. Hamilton
W. A. Wood.	Marion.	J. H. Grundy
J. B. Mack.	Morganton.	E. P. Moore
S. McKinnon.	Poplar Tent.	M. W. Johnston
S. Taylor Martin.	Tabor.	G. F. Reid
R. M. Tuttle.	Taylorsville.	E. M. Stevenson
R. W. Boyd.	Prospect.	C. A. Johnston
	Unity.	R. Culbertson.

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Churches unrepresented: Bethany. Bethel, Fifth Creek. Jefferson. Newton. Salem. Shiloh. Thyatira. Millsboro. Zion.

Mod.

Rev. Saml. Lindley was unanimously elected Moderator, but at his own request, was excused from acting.

Clerks.

Rev. S. Taylor Martin was then chosen Moderator, Rev B. L. Beall & ruling Elder J. T. Allison were chosen temporary Clerks.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting was dispensed with.

The minutes of an adjourned meeting held at Unity Church May, 1874 were read & approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning 9 o'clock.

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Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

R. B. Anderson Rec'd

Rev R. B. Anderson was received on certificate, after the usual examination, from Mecklenburg Presbytery, & his name enrolled.

The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read,

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Hepburn corresponding Member.

Rev A. L. Hepburn of Orange Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Ministers & Synod

Rev Messrs Saml. Lindley & B. L. Beall rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery.

Elders & Synod.

The churches of Lenoir, Marion & Tabor gave satisfactory reasons for not having been represented at the last regular meeting of Presbytery.

Supplies & reports.

The members of Presbytery appointed as temporary supplies, reported the fulfilment of said appointments, or assigned satisfactory reasons for failure,

Coms. of the Mod.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

On Bills & Overtures:- Rev Messrs R. M. Tuttle & J. M. Gibbs & ruling Elder E. M. Stevenson.

Judicial Committee:- Rev Messrs J. B. Mack, E. F. Rockwell & ruling Elder G. P. Reid.

On the Narrative to Synod:- Rev Messrs D. McKinnon, A. E. Chandler & ruling Elder Thos Brown.

On the Minutes of the Gen'l Assembly:- Rev Messrs B. L. Beall, R. W. Boyd & ruling Elder M. W. Johnston.

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Committee to nominate Trustees of Davidson College:- Rev. Messrs J. Rumple. W.W. Pharr & ruling elder J.M. Alexander.

Committee on Finance:-
E.F. Moore. H.C. Hamilton. J.H. Gunter & J.D. McNeely ruling elders.

On Devotional exercises: Rev R.B. Anderson & E.F. Moore.

Commission & Contingent Fund, & New Plan

A paper from the Stated Clerk of the Gen'l Assembly, proposing a new plan for raising the Commissioner's & Contingent Fund, was read & referred to a special committee consisting of Rev R.B. Anderson, Rev Mr W. Pharr & ruling Elder S.L. Trott.

Board of Trustees D.C. Report.

The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was read & received as information.

Gen'l Assembly

Rev B.C. Grall, commissioner to the Gen'l Assembly which met at Columbus Miss, made a report of his attendance, which was accepted.

Commissioners to Gen'l Ass'y Report.

J.H. Hill ruling Elder, also made by letter a report of his attendance on the sessions of the Gen'l Assembly, which was received, his fidelity commended, & the Treasurer of Presbytery directed to pay him a deficit of twenty dollars, for traveling expenses.

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Place & time of next meeting

Fifth Creek church was chosen as the place & Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in April 1875. 11 o'clock A.M. as the time for the next semi-annual meeting of this Presbytery.

The report on Foreign Missions being the order of the day for 11 o'clock A.M. was on motion, suspended & made the order of the day for 7 o'clock P.M.

The committee on Devotional exercises made a report recommending religious services this evening at 4 o'clock, which was adopted.

D. College Ministers Called on for report.

The ministers of Presbytery were called upon to answer whether they had set forth the interests & claims of Davidson College, to their respective charges.

Rev's J.D. Miller & Biographical Sketches

Rev E.F. Rockwell, from the committee appointed thereto, presented a Biographical Sketch of the life & labors of Rev S.C. Miller deceased, which was accepted & ordered to be recorded in the Presbytery's Volume of "Biographical Sketches"

Minister & Elders appear

Rev J. Rumple, J.D. McNeely of Salisbury, J.C. Barnhardt from Rocky River church, Moses Tringle of Back Creek, & Dr D.F. Tarry from Gibbs Mission, ruling elders, appeared

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Sept 10th in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

N. River Historical Sketches. Report.

The committee appointed to prepare an historical Sketch of Rocky River Church reported progress, & was continued.

Com. on Mo. Rep. No Evangelist

The committee of Institution reported that they had not, as yet secured an Evangelist - said report was recieved, and the Committee continued with instructions to report during the present Sessions of this body.

Rev J. Rankin Dissolution of Pastoral relation Requested.

Rev Jesse Rankin preferred a request, on account of the infirmities of age, for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself & the Lenoir church. This request was concurred in by the church of Lenoir through their representative Mr W. C. Hamilton & the following paper, from said church, was read & ordered to be spread upon the minutes, viz:-

"Resolutions adopted at a congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church of Lenoir Aug 26th 1874.

Resolutions of Lenoir Ch.

Whereas the Rev Jesse Rankin asks to be relieved of the responsibilities of his office as pastor of this church, on account of advanced years and failing strength therefore:

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Sept 10, 1. Resolved. That we feel it our duty to unite with him in asking Presbytery to dissolve his relation as pastor of this church.

2. Resolved. That we do so with reluctance & sorrow in view of the pleasant relation that has existed for so many years without a single instance to mar our harmony.

And we take this opportunity to bear our testimony to the faithfulness of his ministry, the soundness of his teaching, and his courteous christian bearing toward every member of the church; and we testify that he has not failed to declare the whole council of God, - and that he has especially set forth the doctrines of our Standards with clearness & boldness - not in a spirit of controversy, but in defence of the truth & for the edification of his hearers.

And we do invoke the divine blessing on him & all dear to him, and pray that the gospel which he has so long & faithfully preached to others may be his joy & consolation.

3. Resolved. That we continue his salary to the end of the current year.

4. Resolved. That our delegate to Presbytery, which convenes at Morganton the 9th of Sept, next, be instructed to act for the Congregation in this matter.

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Sept 10, 5. Resolved That Dr R. T. Beall. E. W. Fancette and Joseph R. Rankin are appointed to present a copy of these resolutions to the Pastor.

H. C. Hamilton Chr,
E. W. Fancette Sec,

Dissolved Relation dissolved

On motion, the request was granted & Rev G. W. Gibbs appointed to preach at Senior church & declare it vacant.

B. G. Clifford transferred P. of S. C.

Mr B. G. Clifford licentiate, was at his own request, transferred to the care of Bethel Presbytery S. Carolina.

On motion Presbytery took recess until 3½ o'clock P. M.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

Report of Committee of Sustentation

The committee of Sustentation made the following report on supplies which was accepted & adopted, viz;-

Supplies appointed

That Rev S. McKinnon preach on Sabbath at Franklin.
Rev R. W. Boyd 1 Sab. at Hopkins.
Rev J. Rumple " " " Good Church,
Rev J. B. Mack " " " Mocksville
Rev W. H. Sloan " " " Bethel.
Rev W. A. Wood " " " Bethel

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Sept 10th Rev W. W. Pinkerton 1 Sabbath at Hillsboro.
Rev S. Taylor Martin " " Hillsboro.
Rev R. T. Beall " " " Silver Run Chapel.
Rev E. F. Rockwell " " " Mocksville.
J. Rumple Chr,

Presbytery took recess until after divine worship.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and on motion took recess to met at 7½ o'clock P. M.

After recess

Presbytery met,

Rev P. F. Johnston, A.S. of Foreign Missions made his report, which was received & is as follows:

Report of the Agent of For. Missions to the Presbytery of Concord Sept 10th 1874.

Agt of For. Missions report.

Contributions from Churches & Sabbath Schools of this Presbytery from April 1st 1873 to April 1st 1874.

Senior —	$ 92.	Senior Sab. School	$ 6.40
Marion	8.		
College	95.	College " "	41.70
Newton	10.		
Morganton	63.	Morganton " "	8.
Prospect	7.		
Bethphage	9.		
Centre	9	Centre " "	6.70
Rocky River	105.		
Third Creek	7.		

Sept.	Poplar Tent	$ 65		
	Lilesville	6		
	Fourth Creek	95.		
	Taylorsville	10.		
	Concord	11.		
	Salisbury	25.	Salisbury Sab. School	$ 14.
	Bethany	14.		
	Unity	5		
	Concord Town	58.		
	Mt Ensilla	150		
	Silver Creek	5.		
	Flyatina	2.		
Report on For. Missions	Back Creek	13.	Pinnville Sab School	2.
	Simonton		Female College Miss Society	17.
	Miscellaneous	44.		$ 96.75.
	Total	$ 783.		

The receipts of the Assembly's Treasy for For. Missions during the year were $ 4242.31.
There has been a decrease of $ 820.54 in the contributions of the Sabbath Schools.
The receipts to the general cause from churches, individuals, legacies & Missionary Societies have increased $ 3,562.45.
The number of contributing churches has also increased, from 690 to 890.
The whole missionary force now in the field, consists of 21 ordained ministers of whom 5 are natives of the countries where they labor. 24 assistant missionaries from this country,

Sept 10. and 14 native helpers, making in all 59 missionary laborers, all dependent on the Mission Treasury for the means of support.

Extension of the field of missionary labor.

Two distinct Missions have been added to those previously undertaken; one in Northern Mexico, & the other in Brazil.

New Missionaries sent out during the Year

To China Rev John W. Davis of N.C.
Mr G. W. Painter Va., Miss A. C. Safford Ga.
To the Creek Nations Miss M. V. Hoge Va.
To Northern Mexico Rev A. T. Grahill Va
Mrs Grahill Richmond Va.
To Campinas S. A. Miss M. C. Kirk Charleston S.C.

Besides these laborers sent directly from this country, those connected with Greek mission viz: Rev M. S. Kalopothakes Mr George Paracos & Mr G. S. Stewar; who have been added to the missionary laborers, being an addition of 10 new laborers for the Year,

General Survey of the field occupied by our Committee.

Cherokee Mission.

Stations. Park Hill. Rev Stephen Foreman (native) Vinita Rev H. Valentine & Mrs Valentine. Each of these has 3 places of preaching. The latter residing 30 miles South of the Kansas line, has gathered 15 members

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Sept 10, into the church, mostly within the last two years.
Mr Bowman lately rec'd 5 members at Park Hill.

Creek Mission.

Station. Muskogee Institute Rev J. M. Perryman (native) & Miss M. F. Hoge teacher. Mr P preaches at 3 different places & has gathered a church membership of 45 or 50 persons.
Miss Hoge has 16. scholars in the Institute.

Choctaw Mission.

Report on Sch. Miss. Station Depot. Rev Mr & Mrs Wisner.
Bennington Rev J. B. Floyd & wife.
Spencer Academy Rev J. H. Colton, superintendant, Mrs Colton, Mr D. S. Caldwell principal, Mrs Caldwell. Mr Bramlette Miss E. Morrison.
Doaksville - Rev E. Brewer (native).
Every one of the 4 have from 3 to 6 preaching points.
The whole number of members as last reported, was 938. The number of pupils in Spencer Academy during the year has averaged about 50. It is regarded as in a flourishing condition, & as doing much for the Choctaw people.

Mission to Northern Mexico.

Station Matamoras - Rev A. D. Graybill & wife. At this new station already one young man has been hopefully converted &

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Sept 10 is preparing himself to preach the Gospel.

Mission of the United States of Columbia,

Socorro - Rev H. B. Pratt & wife.
Barranquilla - Mr A. G. Erwin, & senor Gallardo (native)
Mr Pratt has labored at Socorro his new station during the year, preaching, translating & circulating the S. Scriptures without interruption, but without marked results.
At Barranquilla - the post which he left to Mr Erwin, a favorable change has taken place in the views & feelings of the people in regard to Education, at least, Mr. Erwin reports a school of more than 30 pupils. Says the number might be almost indefinitely increased, if they had suitable accomodations & a sufficient teaching force.

Report on For. Miss.

Mission in Northern Brazil.

Pernambuco - Rev J. Rockwell Smith, & Rev John Boyle & wife.
Much of the time of these brethren has been taken up in the study of the languages. They have maintained regular religious services on the Sabbath with a few hearers.

Missions in Southern Brazil.

Campinas - Rev Nash Morton & wife, Rev Ed. Lane & wife, Rev Mr Dalcoute, Miss Nannie Henderson & Miss M. J. Kinsey, teachers.
Three encouraging facts are to be mentioned in regard to this station, viz:

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Sept 10. 1. The steady attendance on the preaching of the gospel, & the presence of the Holy Spirit blessing the word preached.
2. The frequent manifestation of the converting power of God's grace in connection with the itinerating labors of our brethren in the surrounding country.
3d The earnest desire manifested by the people to have their children to enjoy the advantages of the schools which our brethren have opened for their benefit.

Report on Families,

The number of pupils in the two schools during the last session, was between 90 & 100. The number might have been greatly increased if the accomodations had been more ample.

Italian Mission.

Milan - Miss Christiana Ronzoni. She continues her labors with unabated zeal, her school number 15 pupils. Several conversions have taken place in the circle of her relatives within two years past. Through her influence a number of women of the Roman Catholic Church are frequent attendants on the preaching of the Turin,

Greek Mission.

Athens - Rev M. D. Kalopathakes (native), Mr George Veracos (native licentiate), & Mr S. S. Dewar,
The field contemplated in connection with this mission, Embraces Greece proper,

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Sept 10. The Grecian Islands & the Greek provinces in European Turkey, containing a population altogether of something like 5.000.000, & almost wholly unoccupied by other Protestant churches.

Mission in China.

Hangchow - Rev M. H. Houston & Mrs Houston, Rev Ben, Helm, Mr S. M Painter, Mrs A. E. Randolph (assistant native helper)
Soochow Rev H. C. DuBose & wife, Rev J. W. Davis & Miss A. C. Safford, Rev J. E. Stewart,

Report on Families,

The schools at Hangchow are doing remarkably well, in view of the disadvantages under which they have heretofore been carried on. The boy's school embraces 18 pupils & the girl's school 24. Three of the girls have recently been made the subjects of divine grace.
Religious services are held daily at both Stations.
The number of church members at Hangchow is 17. At Soochow, though no church has been organized, there have been several hopeful conversions.

T. P. Johnston Asst,

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Sept 10 After appropriate devotional exercises & an interesting address on For. Mission by Rev Dr. Lindsley. Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9.0'clock Closed with prayer.

Sept 11th Friday morning 9.0'clock.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The roll was called, & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Session from Millsboro Session

A letter from the Session of Millsboro church was read, assigning satisfactory reasons for not being represented at the present sessions of Presbytery. Also enclosing money for the different benevolent objects, which was ordered to be handed over to the Finance Committee. And further stating that they had secured the semi-monthly services of Rev J. M. Anderson, which information was referred to the Sustentation Committee for their action.

Sust Com. Report, Evangelist

The report of the committee of Sustentation touching the election of an Evangelist was considered, amended & on motion, returned to the Committee.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Genl. Assembly presented a report, which was considered, amended & adopted & is as follows' viz:-

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Sept 11th The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last Genl. Assembly, beg leave to call the attention of Presbytery to the following items:

Presb'y's plan for Benevolence

1. To the Assembly's plan proposed for Benevolent contributions, found on pp. 585-586. paragraphs 1. 2. 3. 4. as follows: 1. "Let a committee be appointed by this Assembly, whose duty it should be, in connection with the Secretaries of our four schemes of benevolence, to make a careful estimate of the amount (as a minimum) of what would probably be necessary for each during the year from April 1875 to April 1876. and also how much all things considered, it may be practicable to raise. Then let these amounts be equitably apportioned among the Presbyteries of our whole church.

Report on the Minutes of Genl. Assy

This apportionment would, at least in the first instance, require much consideration, & should be prepared for the assembly by a very large committee, so that it may be made upon good information of the relative pecuniary ability of all the Presbyteries.

2. At the meetings of the Presbyteries next fall, let each one fairly distribute their respective amounts among the churches & appoint a standing committee on this subject.

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Sept 11th 3d. Let this plan go into operation in April 1875.

2. Let the Assembly of 1876, & of each succeeding year make its estimates, as before of the amounts which should & may be raised. If it is an increase it can be at once apportioned, pro rata, among the Presbyteries, & by them (through their Standing committees) among the churches & thus become immediately operative through them all."

Asst's Plan for Extension

Your committee recommend that Presbytery appoint a special committee consisting of five members to consider the whole subject, & report at the next stated meeting of this body.

Report on the Minutes of Gen'l. Assy

11. To the dismission of non-communing members found on p 504. as follows:

1. Baptised children being, ~~members~~ of according to our discipline, & members of the church, & subject to church government & constitution." There should be kept by the Sessions a register of the names of such persons.

Non-communicants. Dismissal.

2. Whenever a parent or parents, in full communion with a church, remove from such church to another, the Session, in giving the usual certificate of dismission to such parent or parents, shall also,

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Sept 11th on the face of such certificate, state the names of all their children resident in their families, being baptised members of the church; & such names shall then be removed from the register of that church; & on the presentation of the certificate by the dismissed communicants, shall be entered on the register of the church to which said communicants may be dismissed.

3. Whenever any baptised child, not a communicant, shall remove from the bounds of any church to become, prospectively, a resident within the bounds of another, such child, having reached the years of discretion, shall be furnished by the Session, at his or her request, with a certificate of relationship, to be transferred to the Session of the church within whose bounds the proposed residence is to be made."

Report on the Minutes of the Gen'l. Assy

Your committee recommend that the Stated Clerk of Presbytery be directed to have printed a sufficient number of copies of these recommendations, & forward one copy to the Clerk, of each of the Sessions of our churches.

Stated Clerk to have printed the recommendations.

Com { B. L. Beall
H. M. Boyd
M. M. Johnston

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Sept 11th The committee appointed to rearrange the list of Trustees Davidson College, made their report, which was received & adopted & is as follows:

Report of Com. to rearrange the list Trustees N. College

They recommend that the five appearing first on the list be placed on the provisional list & that the remaining eight be retained on the permanent list with the following arrangement:

Rev J. B. Mack to hold until the Fall of 1875;
W. L. Davis Esq " " " " 1875-
A. A. Caldwell Esq Provisional till "
Dr R. G. Beall " " "

Rev J. Rumple to hold till Fall of 1876
A. C. McIntosh " " " "
R. W. Allison Provisional " "

N. College List of Trustees

Rev W. A. Wood to hold till Fall of 1877.
A. A. Davis Esq " " " " "
Dr J. J. Summerell Provisional " 1877.

Rev Wm. R. Plumer to hold till Fall of 1878
L. H. Wiley Esq " " " " "
Rev J. McKinnon Provisional " "

We recommend that when the Trustees call for the surrender of the Provisional Trustees, that the Stated Clerk be directed to strike them from the roll in the order of arrangement.

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Sept 11th commencing at the beginning of the roll,

Com { J. Rumple
Wm. R. Plumer
J. McL. Alexander

On motion, the order of the day was suspended, in order to give place to a free conversation on the State of religion within our bounds.

State of religion

Free conversation

Presbytery took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

After recess.

Presbytery met,

The following was adopted:

Resolved That when Presbytery adjourn they adjourn to meet at Poplar Tent Church, on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath of this month at 11 o'clock A. M.

Adjourned meeting Poplar Tent

The Agt of Publication presented the following report which was received and adopted:-

The following sums have been contributed during the past year to the cause of Publication:

Publication Agt's Report.

College Church	$ 22.	Back Creek	$ 5.		
Centre	5	Fifth Creek	4.		
Bethpage	3	Fourth Creek	11.		
Rocky River	40	Gilbs Mission	2.		
Tennox	9	Newton	6		
Bethesda	2.	Unity	1½		
Third Creek	6	Concord	2.		

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Taylorsville	$ 4.
Salisbury	20.
Concord Town	50
Marion	6.
Prospect	5.
Siloam	3.
Miscellaneous	2.
Total	227.41

Of this $113.80 has been paid over in accordance with the order of Presbytery last Fall to the Colportage Committee, & the remainder $113.61 sent to the Committee at Richmond Va.

A.G.T. Sub-Report

The past year has been one of trial to the Committee at Richmond.
The financeal crises of last fall, affected them seriously.
Their sales of books, which at that season averaged $700 per week, fell as low as $35 per week.
The results of the whole year are encouraging. The Earnest Worker & Children's Friend have not only paid for the publication, but also have been a source of income.
There has been a slight increase of the endowment Fund, & about $15000 has been paid on the Publication house.

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There are two things to which attention should be called. 1st the "Book of Hymns & Tunes." This will give life & unity to the service of song in our churches.
It is hoped that Presbytery will earnestly recommend this book to the churches under its care.

Publication Agts Reports.

2nd The debt incurred in purchase of the Publication house. This is about $35 000. A collection was appointed for this purpose last year, but on account of the financial crises the amount collected fell far short of the necessity of the case.
Hence the Assembly has appointed the 1st Sabbath in December as the time in which our Churches should make another collection for this purpose.

Publication Churches directed to make Collection for

Dec. 1st Sab. Reports of Spring meeting.

Your A.G.T. would recommend that the Presbytery direct all our churches to make this collection at the appointed time or as soon after that as practicable.
It is also recommended that the roll of Churches be called next Spring & inquiry be made if this duty has been performed.

J. Bullock A.G.T.

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Sept 11th. The Colportage committee presented the following report which was approved & adopted:

Colportage report on,

1. Our Colporteur has been steadily at work since last Spring. During the 5 months, ending Sept 1st 1874, his sales have amounted to $178 57. During this time the members of the committee have sold ; the whole sales being

Agreement between Concord & Mecklenburg Presbyteries

11. According to the instructions of Presbytery, we conferred with the committee appointed by the Presbytery of Mecklenburg on the subject of Colportage.

The following paper was agreed upon:-

1st That; as Concord Presbytery has the outfit of the Colporteur & has been engaged in the work; the ordering of books, paying of the Colporteur & supervision of the work be left with the committee of that Presbytery.

2. That the Colporteur work equally in both Presbyteries, or according to the necessities of each.

3. That the ministers, Churches & Sabbath schools of both Presbyteries receive the same privileges.

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Sept 11th. 4. That no books be sold in Mecklenburg Presbytery unless approved by the A & T, of publication in said Presbytery.

Semi-annual Reports,

5. That semi-annual reports be made to both Presbyteries.

J. Cullilen & Mon house

111. According to the order of Presbytery we have assumed the debt due on the place purchased for the family of the late Rev J.G. Millen. We have paid $50, already; leaving about $50. still due.

Increase of Salary of Colporteur

1V. We would ask the privilege of increasing the salary of the Colporteur to $30, per month; if the sales hereafter warrant such increase.

Colporteur

V. We ask that Presbytery manifest a lively gratitude to God for the wonderful success with which He has blessed this work; & to that end the Moderator lead the Presbytery in prayer upon the adoption of this paper.

com, J. B. Mack, Jo. McKinnon & J. J. Allison

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Sept 11th The subject of the Invalid Fund in its present relation to the Assembly's Committee at Columbia, was referred to the Sustentation Committee.

Presbytery then took recess for half an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met,

Sust Com Report on Invalid Fund.

The Committee of Sustentation made a report, recommending that, for the present, the Presbytery of Concord operate exclusively of the Genl, Assembly's committee, so far as relates to the Invalid Fund- said report was adopted,

New Plan for raising Com's & Contingent Fund. Com, Report, Adopted.

The Committee on the new plan proposed by the Genl, Assembly for raising the Commissioner's & Contingent Fund reported, recommending that the plan proposed be not adopted, at least, for the present- said report was adopted,

Com, { Rev R.B. Anderson, Rev W.W. Pharr & A.L. Trotter (R.E.)

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Sept 11th The following recommendation of the Sustentation Committee was presented, amended & unanimously adopted;

The Committee recommend that it is the duty of this Presbytery to render further assistance to the widow & children of our deceased Brother Rev John James Wilson,

To this end we recommend that the Presbytery enjoin upon all the churches to take up it as early a day as possible, for the purpose of purchasing a lot & erecting a residence thereon for her in the town of Lenoir, and that a committee be appointed to secure the money & superintend the erection of the house, said house & lot to be the property of Mrs Wilson, And that a collection be taken up to night for this object,

Rev J.J. Wilson's Widow. Churches to make collection & build house &c. J.J. Wilson. Com— J. Rumple, Chm,

The committee contemplated in the above paper, as appointed by Presbytery consists of D.C. Hamilton, Dr R.G. Grall and J.W. Harper.

The committee on Finance presented a report which was received, amended & adopted, & is as follows;

The Committee on Finance offer the following; We find funds on hand as follows;—

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Sept 11th	In Treasurer's hand for Installation	$177.43
	Received during this Session	30.92
" "	For, Missions	175.60
	Rec'd during this Session	10.75
" "	Education	122.61
	Rec'd during this Session	3.30
" "	Publication	1,25
Finance	Rec'd during this Session	3.35
Comm, Report.	" " Commissioners Fund	19.57
	Rec'd during this Session	5,45
" "	Relief Fund	74.40
	Rec'd during this Session	40.85
" "	Evangelist Fund	27.50
	Rec'd during this Session	1.30
	Total.	694.23

We have ascertained that the Presbytery is indebted to the Stated Clerk, to J. J. Brunner & to Mr J. H. Hill one of our commissioners to the Genl. Assembly, in all about $200. If these sums be all chargable to the Commissioners Fund, it will leave a deficit in that Fund of about $175.

Your committee desired to ascertain & embody in this report the financial condition of the Presbytery, but have no means of ascertaining except by verbal statements, the amount of debt due by the Presbytery. The Treasurer's Books do not show it. & the Stated Clerk does not regard it as his duty to keep a

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Sept 11th record of the indebtedness of the Presbytery. Your committee would submit that it be made the duty of the Treasurer of Presbytery to keep a record of all the pecuniary obligations of this Presbytery,

Treasurer to ascertain the debt of Pres,

com { E. P. Moore, E. C. Hamilton, J. D. McNeely, J. H. Grumbe

Com, to consider the new plan of benevolence

A committee consisting of Rev Messrs R. B. Anderson, W. A. Wood, G. M. Gibbs, and ruling elders Dr. R. F. Perry & E. P. Simpson was appointed to consider the "plan for benevolent contributions" proposed by the last Genl. Assembly, & to report at the next Stated meeting of this Presbytery.

Presbytery then took recess until after dinner worship to night,

After recess.

Presbytery met. On motion it was Resolved. That whereas Rev Jesse Rankin is a veteran in the service of the Church, & is now by reason of age & infirmity, incapacitated for traveling, he be hereafter excused from attending the meetings of this body,

Excused from attending Presbyterial meetings.

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Sept 11th The Committee of Substitution were instructed to continue their efforts to secure an Evangelist at a Salary of one hundred dollars per month.

Com. Sub. To secure an Evangelist

Rev S. McKinnon from the committee on the Narrative, presented the following which was received & ordered to be transmitted to the Synod:-

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully submit to the Synod of North Carolina, the following Narrative on the State of religion in their bounds:-

Narration to Synod.

A general review of the reports from the churches, indicate the following items of interest:

1. Of our 34 churches, 9 are now vacant & destitute of the regular ministrations of the gospel: the remaining 25 are supplied, either weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly.

2. In most of our churches which have pastors or stated supplies, the general attendance on the means of grace is encouraging, while prayer meetings, Sabbath schools & Bible classes are also conducted in said churches with usual degree of success.

3. In several of our churches, viz: Concord Sndell, Salisbury & Rocky River

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Sept 11th during the past year there has been an unusual degree of interest manifested on the subject of religion, & large additions have been made to their membership, & in most, if not all of the remaining Churches some additions have been reported, & It will be seen by a reference to the proper Statistics, that, in 1873 we reported 3030 Church members in our bounds, and in 1874, 3445, making an increase of over 400 to our membership.

In addition to the above facts, we would report that the work of Colportage has been conducted with marked success in the Presbytery.

Narration to Synod.

Within the past 13 months, the sales of books reached about $250.00, & within the past 5 months about $90.00. It is however, proper to remark here, that during the past 5 months this Presbytery & the Presbytery of Mecklenburg have conducted this work conjointly.

We would further report that for several months past we have failed to secure the services of an Evangelist, for our vacant Churches, & destitute regions, but hope soon to supply this felt want in our bounds.

Upon the whole, while we would acknowledge much unfaithfulness on the part of our

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Sept 11th Church Officers & people to their adorable Head, yet there are unmistakable evidences of divine favor shown us during the past year.
Thus blessed in the past by our Lord, we would trust him for the future, & pray that the pillar of his presence may go before us.

Resolved, Thanks

It was, on motion, resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of Morganton for their hospitality to its members - to the Methodist for the use of their church - & to the W.N.C.R.R. for their courtesy of reduced fare to the delegates, & that this resolution be read from the pulpit of the Presbyterian church in this place.

Adjourned,

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Poplar Tent Church on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in this month (Sept) at 11. o'clock A.M.
Closed with singing, prayer & the Apostolic benediction.

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk

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Sept 24th

Poplar Tent Church.

Adjourned meeting.

Presbytery met according to adjournment at Poplar Tent Church Sept 24th 1874, 11. o'clock A.M. and was opened with prayer by the Rev R.M. Tuttle, the last Moderator present.

The roll was called & the following ministers & ruling Elders were present:

Ministers

J. Rumple

Wm. R. Shaw

S.M.C Kinnon

R.M. Tuttle.

Ruling Elder M. W. Johnston of Poplar Tent.

On motion, Presbytery took recess until after divine worship, to meet at the call of the Moderator.

After recess. 2. o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

Ministers & Elder absent

Rev Hand, Lindley, Rev J. C. Black and S. E. W. Shaw, ruling Elder from Rocky River, appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory Excuse for tardiness.

Jas. H. Thornwell

Mr Jas. H. Thornwell, a licentiate was receiving certificat from the Presbytery of South Carolina. to the care of this Presbytery.

1874 — Poplar Tent Church.

Sept 24th — A call was then read from the Poplar Tent Church, for the pastoral services of Mr Jas. H. Thornwell, licentiate, promising him a salary of nine hundred dollars per annum, payable in half yearly installments. This call being found in order, was placed in his hands.

Call from Poplar Tent.

Mr Thornwell having signified his readiness to accept the call, - Presbytery proceeded to examine him with a view to his ordination, on his acquaintance with experimental religion - on Philosophy, Theology, Ecclesiastical History, the Greek & Hebrew languages.

Examination of J. H. Thornwell

A committee, consisting of Rev S. McKinnon & S. E. W. Shaw ruling Elder, was appointed to examine a Sermon prepared by Mr J. H. Thornwell & submitted as a trial sermon, on the text John 3: 36. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Sermon examined

Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr Thornwell on Church Government and the Sacraments.

1874 — Poplar Tent Church.

Sept 24th — The committee appointed to examine the above named Sermon reported, recommending its approval as a satisfactory part of trial.

On motion, the examination of Mr Thornwell was sustained as a whole; and the following made the order of procedure in his ordination & installation: - viz.

That Rev J. Rumple, preach the ordination sermon & propose the constitutional questions. - That Rev Saml. Lindley deliver the charge to the newly installed pastor, & that Rev J. B. Mack deliver the charge to the people.

Jas. H. Thornwell ordained & installed.

Presbytery then proceeded to the ordination; when Mr Jas. H. Thornwell was solemnly ordained & set apart to the full work of the ministry, by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery; & installed pastor over the Poplar Tent Church.

The minutes were read, corrected & approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in Concord on Wednesday the 14th of Oct. next at 3 o'Clock P.M.

Closed with prayer.

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk

Examined & approved thus far.
Concord, Oct. 16th 1874.

Jr. Rumple, Mod.

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Oct. 14.

Adjourned meeting.

Concord Town.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, at Concord Oct. 14th 1874, & was opened with prayer.

Present. ministers- Jesse Rankin, Hall, Lindley, T. F. Johnston, G. M. Gibbs, D. G. Beall, J. Rumple, J. B. Mack, A. Taylor Martin, E. McKinnon & N. M. Tuttle.

Ruling Elders- E. F. Moore from Morganton, Thoms. Brown Mocksville, W. B. Terry Gibbs Mission, N. G. Beall Lenoir, J. A. Witherspoon Fourth Creek, D. L. White Zion.

A call was presented & read from the Church of Morganton, for the pastoral service of the Rev N. L. Anderson; promising him a Salary of eight hundred dollars, per annum and the use of a Manse for the whole of his time; the Salary payable in semi-annual instalments.

E. F. Moore ruling elder from Morganton Church, presented to Presbytery, on behalf of the Morganton Church, a request that the call be so changed as to read "six hundred dollars & the use of Manse" for three fourths of his time" in stead of eight hundred dollars & use of manse for the whole of his time.

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Pending the consideration of this request Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

Oct 15.

Thursday evening.

Presbytery met at the call of the Mod, & was opened with prayer.

The unfinished business was taken up. when, upon the joint application of the Rev R. B. Anderson & the Church of Alexander - the call from said Church for the pastoral services of Rev R. B. Anderson, was so changed as to read six hundred dollars and the use of manse for three fourths of his time. instead of eight hundred dollars and the use of a manse for the whole of his time.

Call for Rev R.B. Anderson Alexander.

This call, as amended, was placed in the hands of Rev R. B. Anderson for his consideration.

Rev R. B. Anderson having signified his willingness to accept the call. Mr E. B. Moore ruling Elder, was appointed to suggest arrangements for his installation.

The Moderator and Stated Clerk were appointed to suggest subjects for trial pieces for R. D. Stinson and

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J. Alston Ramsay Candidate under the care of this Presbytery, and now Students at the Union Theological Seminary Va.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev E. H. Gibbs after the present session.

On motion, Presbytery took recess to meet again at the call of the Moderator.

After recess

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

The committee appointed to arrange for the installation of the Rev R. B. Anderson offered the following which was adopted;

Installation of Rev R.B. Anderson Alexander.

The committee recommend that the Rev W. A. Wood preside and preach the installation sermon - that Rev D. N. Paxton deliver the charge to the people & Rev E. H. Gibbs deliver the charge to the pastor - That Rev Bruce Shaw be alternate to Rev W. A. Wood - that Rev B. G. Beall be alternate to Rev D. N. Paxton and Rev S. Taylor Martin be alternate to Rev E. H. Gibbs. - and that the installation services take place on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in December next.

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Presbytery then adjourned to meet on tomorrow at the call of the Mod, Closed with prayer.

Friday evening
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Presbytery met according to adjournment, & was opened with prayer.

The committee appointed to suggest subjects for trial pieces for R. A. Stinson and J. Alston Ramsay candidates, offered the following which was accepted and adopted;

Trial pieces for R. A. Stinson & J. A. Ramsay.

The committee recommend that the following subjects be assigned to R. A. Stinson;

For Sermon Rom. 8:8.
" Latin Exegesis- "An Petrus fuerit ab occumenicus et Caput ecclesiae a vicarius Christi sit"
Popular Lecture- Jno 4:31-38.
Critical exercise Rom 5:1-5.

- and the following be assigned to J. Alston Ramsay;

For Sermon John 6:44.
Latin Exegesis- "An sit Christus homo verus"
Popular Lecture- Ps 45:1-3.
Critical exercise 1 Peter 3:21.

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The subject of supplying the College Church with ministerial services was on motion referred to the Sustentation committee

College supply.

On motion, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Fifth Creek Church on Thursday before the 3d. Sabbath in April 1875. 11. o'clock A.M.

Closed with prayer.
William M. Sharp
Stated Clerk.

1875 'Pro re nata' Meeting.

Jan. 20th The Presbytery of Concord met in the Presbyterian church of Concord Town in obedience to the following circular letter issued by the Moderator, viz:

"In accordance with the provisions of the 'Form of Government' Chap. X. Sec 10. I do hereby call a meeting of Concord Presbytery to convene in the Presbyterian Church in the Town of Concord on the 20th day of Jan, 1875; at 11 o'clock A.M. to consider the following items of business, viz: 1st The reception of Rev A.E. Crawford from the Presbytery of Ouachita. 2nd The application of Rev J.B. Black for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself & the Rocky River Church & for the dismission of the same to the Presbytery of Nashville."

S. Taylor Martin, Mod.

The Rev T.H. Johnston, the last Moderator present, called the Presbytery to order and constituted it with prayer.

Rev J. Rumple was appointed Temporary Clerk.

The following ministers were present, viz: Rev Messrs T.H. Johnston, J. Rumple and D. McKinnon.

And Rev J.R. Wilson from Rocky River church. J.D. McCauley of Salisbury. J.B. Black of Zion & R. McAlister of Concord Town church.

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ruling elders.

The object of the meeting was announced.

jan. 20th A certificate of dismission of Rev A. F. Crawford from the Presbytery of Ouachita Presbytery of the Synod of Ark, was read, & on motion the Presbytery examined Mr Crawford on experimental religion & as to his soundness in the faith.

A. F. Crawford rec'd The examination being sustained, Mr Crawford was unanimously received, and his name enrolled as a member of Concord Presbytery.

Rev B. N. Banks of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

M. W. Johnston, ruling Elder from Poplar Tent, appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.

The Presbytery took recess to meet again in this place during the day, at the call of the Moderator.

After recess, 11 3/4, O'clock A.M. Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

The Rev James. F. Thomwell appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.

Rev G. D. Mack also appeared & took his seat.

Rev G. D. Mack presented a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the church of Rocky Rivers and

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Nashville, & gave reasons for the request.

jan, 20th A communication of Rev G. D. Mack to Rocky Rivers Congregation, asking them to join with him in this request was read, also the action of the Rocky Rivers Congregation, declining to accede to this request, and pledging him three hundred dollars in addition to his salary, was also read.

The Presbytery then heard both parties, and also the Rev B. F. Banks, the former pastor of the Murfreesboro Church, from which church Mr Mack proposed to accept a call.

After remarks from members of Presbytery, it was-

Resolved, That Presbytery decline to grant the request of Rev G. D. Mack.

The Temporary Clerk was directed to address a letter to the Murfreesboro church, informing them of our action, & the grounds of it, & expressing our interest in their welfare & Christian sympathy for them.

The minutes were read & approved,

Presbytery then adjourned "sine die."

Closed with prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William W. Thom
Stated Clerk.

1875 — Fifth Creek Church.

April 15th. The Presbytery of Concord met at Fifth Creek church according to adjournment, April 15th 1875 11. o'clock A. M. and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator Rev. S. Taylor Martin from Gal 6:7. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

After which. Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called & the following ministers & ruling Elders were present:

Ministers.	Elders	Churches.
T. R. Johnston	Back Creek	Moses Temple
E. F. Rockwell	Bethany	E. A. Hall
T. N. Paxton	Bethesda	J. A. White.
G. A. Gibbs	Centre	E. McCauley
B. G. Grall	Concord	A. C. Somers
A. L. Crawford	Concord Town	J. J. Allison
J. Rumple	Fifth Creek	H. T. Bruce.
Wm. Chase.	Senior	H. C. Hamilton
W. A. Wood	Mocksville	Thos. Brown
J. B. Mack	Morgenton	J. C. Mallard
S. Taylor Martin	Statesville	R. N. Freeland.
R. B. Anderson	Prospect	J. S. Brady
R. M. Tuttle.	Rocky River	J. E. Avery
R. W. Boyd.	Salem	M. W. Murdock
	Shiloh	A. G. R. Thomas
	Tabor	A. A. Sharpe
	Taylorsville	E. M. Stevenson
	Unity	E. Price
	Wilkesboro	J. D. Finley.

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April 15. Absent. Ministers — Jesse Rankin, Saml. Lindley, A. E. Chandler, E. McKinnon, Jno. W. Davis, Jas. W. Thornwell.

Churches unrepresented. Bethel — College Church, Amicella, Third Church, Thyatira, Zion.

Mod. & Clerks. Rev A. E. Crawford was chosen Moderator & Rev B. E. Beall and J. F. Allison E.E. temporary clerks.

Presbytery then took recess for 3/4 of an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The Minutes of the last Stated meeting of Presbytery held at Morganton & of adjourned meetings at Poplar Tent & Concord Town, & of a Pro re nata meeting held at Concord Town, were read.

E. A. Davis, ruling elder from Salisbury Ch, appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory reason for tardiness.

Corresp. Members. Rev Mr Booth of the Baptist Church & Rev Thurston of the Congregational Church, of California being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

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April 15. The Moderator announced the following Committees:-

On Bills & Overtures:- Rev Messrs A. Taylor Martin, T. F. Johnston & Moses Temple. E.E.

Judicial Committee:- Rev Messrs W. A. Wood, R. W. Boyd & E. A. Hall, E.E.

On Minutes of Synod:- Rev T. K. Paxton & J. A. White & E. M. Stevenson, ruling Elders.

Com.s commenced by Mod.

Narrative to Genl. Assembly:- Rev J. B. Mack, Rev R. M. Tuttle & W. C. Hamilton

Systematic Benevolence:- Rev Messrs R. B. Anderson, S. M. Gibbs & J. F. Allison, E.E.

On Records of Sustentation Committee: Rev Messrs S. M. Gibbs, B. E. Beall & E. M. Stevenson, E.E.

On Evangelistic work:- Rev J. Rumple & Thoms. Brown & J. E. Drury ruling Elders.

On Finance:- W. C. Hamilton Moses Temple & W. P. Burke, ruling elders.

On Devotional Exercises:- Rev E. F. Rockwell & W. P. Burke, E.E.

On Sessional Records:

Back Creek:- Rev R. W. Boyd & E. Rice, E.E.

Bethany:- Rev R. M. Tuttle & M. W. Alexander

Bethel:- Rev E. F. Rockwell & Moses Temple

Bethesda:- J. Rumple & A. A. Sharpe, E.E.

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Bethphage:- G. M. Gibbs & J. T. Finley.
Centre: Rev W. A. Wood & A. J. R. Thomas.
College Church; Rev J. B. Mack & J. S. Beaty
Concord:- Rev T. S. Paxton & J. C. Mallard
Concord Town:- Rev D. F. Johnston & M. M. Mundel
Drusilla:- Rev S. T. Martin & R. N. Pharland
Fifth Creek:- Rev R. B. Anderson & H. C. Somers
Franklin:- Rev E. F. Rockwell & J. A. White
Gibbs Mission:- Rev J. B. Mack & J. M. Avery.
Jefferson:- Rev R. B. Anderson & A. A. Sharpe
Mocksville: J. Rumple & A. J. R. Thomas
Unions: Rev W. A. Wood & E. M. Stimpson
Marion: Rev J. M. Gibbs & H. F. Burke
Morganton: Rev T. S. Paxton & E. A. Hall
Newton: Rev E. F. Rockwell & E. Rice
Poplar Tent: Rev R. M. Tuttle & J. F. Finley
Prospect: R. W. Boyd & Thoms Brown
Rocky River: Rev J. Rumple & M. A. Sanis
Salem: Rev R. B. Anderson & A. A. Sharpe
Salisbury: Rev S. T. Martin & C. E. Avery.
Shiloh: Rev E. Frockwell & J. A. White
Siloam: Rev J. M. Gibbs & J. C. Mallard.
Statesville: Rev R. W. Boyd & D. M. McNeely
Tabor. Taylorsville. Third Creek. Thyatira.
Unity. Wilkesboro. Zion: Rev J. M. Gibbs & J. C. Mallard.

Leave on Sess. Records.

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Supplies report.

The unrepresented churches at the last stated meeting viz: Bethany. Fifth Creek & Shiloh were called to answer whether they had appointed delegates.

Rev Messrs R. W. Boyd. J. B. Mack. W. A. Wood R. M. Tuttle. D. F. Bradley & E. F. Rockwell reported fulfilment of appointments as temporary supplies- Rev J. Rumple. W. A. Wood & J. Taylor Martin assigned satisfactory reasons non-fulfilment of their appointments.

M. Gidley excused.

Satisfactory excuse was received from Rev M. and. Gidley for absence from the present Sessions of this body.

Commun. from Ep. Com. Davidson College

A communication was read from the Clerk of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College. requesting Concord Presbytery to surrender one more Trustee in said College, in addition to the nine already surrendered, in order that said Trustee may be offered to some Presbytery not now represented in the Board, which was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev Messrs R. B. Anderson J. Taylor Martin & Thoms. Brown, E. E.

D. J. Allison requests

A letter was read from D. J. Allison, a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery. reporting himself as laboring in the bounds of Orange Presbytery. & asking leave to continue to labor there for the present. which request was granted.

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The following petition from the congregation of the Fourth Creek Church was read & granted. viz:

Statesville N.C.
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To the Presbytery of Concord.

Fourth Creek Church changed to Statesville

The congregation of Fourth Creek Church having assembled according to notice previously given, on the 4th day of this month, passed the following resolution. Viz:

Resolved, That we as a congregation will petition the Presbytery of Concord at its next semi-annual meeting, on the 15th of April 1875-, at Fifth Creek, to change the name of our church from 'Fourth Creek' to Statesville.

We therefor respectfully ask that the request be granted

A. Kelly (Chr.)
E B. Stimson (Clk.)

Change of call. Concord Town.

At the request of the congregation of Concord Town, leave was granted said church to change their call for the pastoral services of the Rev. E. McK. Kinnon, so as to read $1200 & manse instead of $1000 & manse.

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J. C. Kennedy permission to preach outside this Bds.

The A.S.T. of Foreign Missions was directed to bring in a Special report touching the deficit in the funds for said cause & embodying some plan for meeting said deficiency. It was also ordered that said report be made the first order of the day for tomorrow afternoon.

J. C. Kennedy, licentiate, made a verbal report of his labors during the past year & asked leave to labor beyond the bounds of this Presbytery whenever the Providence of God seems so to direct. which request was granted.

Narrations from Chs. read & R.

It was made the first order of the day tomorrow morning, after devotional exercises, to hear the reading of the narratives from the churches by the Clerks of Presbytery & that the narratives be referred to a Special Committee who shall endorse upon them the exceptions taken by Presbytery & then returned to the respective Clerks of Session.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 9. O'Clock & to spend the first half hours of the morning Sessions in devotional Exercises.

Closed with prayer.

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Presbytery met & spent the first half hour in devotional exercises.

The roll was called, & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Jas. M. Greenlee ruling Elder in Siloam Ch, appeared in Presbytery, & assigned satisfactory reason for tardiness.

Hearing Narratives.

The order of the day was then taken up, viz: the hearing the narratives from the Churches, which, having been read, were referred to the Committee on the narrative.

Ass. Com. Report.

The time for the stated order of the day having arrived. Rev J. Rumple from the Com. of Sustentation presented a report which, together with the Records of said Committee were placed in the hands of the special committee appointed to examine the same.

Finance Com. Report on Treasurers Books &c.

The Committee of Finance presented the following report which was received & adopted, viz:

We have examined the books & vouchers of Mr. D. A. Davis, Treasurer of Presbytery, and find them to correspond & are correct.

We find in his hands the following sums to the credit of the several objects named; viz:

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"	" Foreign Missions	114.13
"	" Education	185.66
"	" Publication	55.24
"	" Commissioner's Fund	59.35
"	" Relief Fund	138.18
"	" Publishing House	55.20
"	" Evangelist Fund	34.91

J. G. Towel's Will

Special Report

The same committee also opened the following special report, which was adopted:-

Whereas the late John G. Towel, formerly a Candidate for the ministry under the care of this Presbytery, insured his life for $1000. and placed the Policy of insurance in the hands of D. A. Davis Treasurer of Presbytery, and instructed him, in case of his (Towels) death to collect the Policy & out of the proceeds of the same to pay & refund to the Assembly's Committee of Education, & to the Educational Committee of Concord Presbytery, such sums of money as has been by said Committees advanced to him to aid him in obtaining an Education; and since the death of said Towel the Treasurer of Presbytery has collected the amount secured by the Policy to wit. $1000.

Now be it Resolved That said Treasurers charge of $50. for his expenses & trouble in attending to this business, is reasonable & just

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April 16th. and that he is hereby instructed & authorized to pay to the Education Committee of Concord Presbytery the sum of $87.50. that being the amount advanced to said Donel by said Committee, & to pay over to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Committee of Education the sum of $425.25. that being the amount advanced at various times by said Com. of Education to said Donel, & the balance to pay over to Richard Culbertson appointed by said John C. Donel his Executor & who has been qualified as such Executor according to law.

Com. { H. C. Hamilton
H. T. Burtt
Moses Pringle

Mr H. C. Hamilton from the Committee to provide a house & lot in Lenoir for the widow & family of Rev J. D. Wilson decd reported that the whole amount received or collected for this purpose up to date was $1453.50. — that they have purchased a suitable lot in Lenoir at $80. paid for painting circulars, for writing & registering deed &c. $9.85. leaving on hands $363.75. which report was received as information — the diligence of the Committee commended & said Committee continued with instructions to prosecute the undertaking to completion.

Report of Com. touching house & lot for Mrs J. D. Wilson

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April 16. On motion the subject of the Commissioners Fund & indebtedness of Presbytery, was referred to the Committee of Finance for examination & proposed adjustment.

Presbytery proceeded to hear the Statistical reports from the Churches, which were referred to the Committee on Systematical Benevolence.

Delegates to Genl. Assy. Rev S. Taylor Martin as principal, with Rev J. D. Mack as alternate; and Prof W. J. Martin, as principal with C. A. Stevenson as his alternate, were elected as commissioners to the next Genl Assembly at St. Louis. X

On motion, Presbytery took recess for one hour.

After recess. ✓

Presbytery met. The order of the day for this hour was taken up, when the Sec. of Foreign Missions made the following special report touching the deficiency in the funds for For. Missions, which was adopted, viz:

For. Miss. Special Report.

Resolved - That in the present state of our Foreign Missions & the embarrassed condition of the Treasury, we recognise a call of Providence on us for increased liberality in support of the For. Mission Cause.

Resolved - That we regard the debt of $10,000 incurred by our Central Committee of

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Foreign Missions as a light one for the Constituency which they represent, being not more than Ten Cts for each member in the Churches of our Gen. Assembly; or if divided among the ministers, not more than $10. to each.

For. Miss. Report. Special.

Resolved- That we, as a Presbytery hold ourselves responsible for our proportional part of this debt $350. or Ten Cts for each of our 3500 members.

Resolved- That we enjoin upon our pastors, Stated supplies, Elders of vacant Churches, & upon our Evangelist, to bring this matter before their several charges with as little delay as possible, in such manner as each shall judge most effectual for securing an average of at least 10 Cts for each Church member, under his charge, hoping that our ministers without charge will also do what they can for the removal of this debt.

Resolved- That the amounts raised be sent to the Treasurer of For. Missions at Columbia directly, or through our Presbyterial Treasurer accompanied with a notice that they are special contributions for the extinguishment of this debt.

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Resolved- That in our judgment our Churches can & ought to give annually to the cause of For. Missions, an average of at least 50 Cts per member, & that we will aim constantly to bring them up to that standard of giving to this cause as speedily as possible.

Rev D. F. Johnston
A.S.

On motion, it was made the first order of the day tomorrow to hear reports on Sessional Records.

J. S. Winn Licd

Mr J. S. Winn licentiate, was received on certificate of transfer from Bethel Presbytery S.C. to the care of Concord Presbytery.

Place & time of S.S. meeting

Silvam Church, was chosen as the place, & Wednesday before the 2nd Sabbath in Sept, next 11. o'clock A.M. as the time for the next Stated meeting of this Presbytery.

J. J. Allison

On motion, Presbytery proceeded to examine J. J. Allison, a candidate for the gospel ministry under the care of this Presbytery- on Theology. Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments & Church Government, which examination was sustained as a satisfactory part of his trial.

It was made the first order of the day tomorrow afternoon to hear the trial sermon of J. J. Allison, Candidate.

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Leave of absence after to day's session was granted to H. C. Hamilton, H. A. Sloan & J. T. Finley.

The Stated Clerk presented the following report which was approved & ordered to be recorded, Viz:

Stated Clerks report. Trustees of Davidson College reported

Being officially informed by the Clerk of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, that four Presbyteries in South Carolina & Georgia have accepted our invitation to co-operate with us in the management & patronage of Davidson College; & that they have elected two Trustees each; & being also requested by said Committee, to strike from our roll three of our Provisional Trustees; Your Stated Clerk has, in accordance with this request & in obedience to your directions found on pp. 78 & 79 of present Vol. of Records; stricken three names from our list of provisional Trustees, commencing at the beginning of the list, Viz; H. A. Caldwell, Jas R. L. Beall & R. M. Allison, leaving two on our provisional list to be surrendered when called for.

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The following resolutions were adopted:

1. Resolved. That we have heard with profound grief of the sore trial to Bro. A. E. Chandler has been subjected, in the severe accident which has befallen him.

Resolutions of sympathy with A. E. Chandler

2. That we tender to him & his family assurances of our tender sympathy, & that we commend them to the God of all grace, assured that our Great High Priest who is touched with the feeling of our infirmity, will give grace & comfort to all his afflicted followers.

3. That on the adoption of this paper, the Presbytery unite with the Moderator in prayer in behalf of Bro. Chandler.

4. That the Clerk be directed to send a copy of these resolutions to Bro. Chandler.

The Committee appointed to install Rev. R. B. Anderson pastor of the Morganton church, reported that said duty had not been performed which report was accepted & the Committee discharged.

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The following paper touching the interests of Davidson College, with accompanying resolutions was accepted & adopted:-

Resolutions D. College

Whereas Davidson College has been educating all candidates for the ministry free of charge for tuition, & inasmuch as with an average attendance of Thirty Candidates annually, the College gives away over $ 2000.00, in tuition, & whereas, in consequence of its loss of funds at the close of the war, its income has been greatly decreased, so that it is difficult to pay all its expenses, and impossible to make such additions to its corps of instructors as are demanded by the advanced state of Education in modern days, Therefore-

1. Resolved That Concord Presbytery fully recognizes the claims of this Institution of learning to the patronage of the Country, & to the liberality of the benevolent.

2. Resolved That we cordially approve of the efforts made & proposed, to add one hundred Thousand dollars to its endowment.

3. Resolved- That we believe that it would be only just that the Presbyteries united in the maintainance of this College, should raise, each of them, a fund, the annual interest of which would be sufficient to pay the tuition of the average number of candidates in the College.

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R. Resolved- That a committee be appointed by this Presbytery, whose duty it shall be to take this whole matter under consideration, & mature a plan for carrying out this desireable object. Said committee to report at the next semi-annual meeting of this Presbytery.

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The committee contemplated in the above named paper consists of Rev J. Rumple. Rev W. A. Wood & M. A. Davis ruling elder.

The Committee on Bills & Overtures presented a paper relating to the Education of candidates for the ministry; the consideration of which was made the second order of the day for tomorrow.

The Committee appointed at the last stated meeting, to consider & report as to the Gen. Assembly's proposed plan for Benevolent contributions presented the following report, which was approved & adopted:

report on Gen. Ass'y's plan of one hundred

The committee appointed to consider the plan proposed by the Gen. Assembly of 1874 for securing a greater number of contributions to the different causes of benevolence, respectfully report adversely- believing it to be, for the present at least, inexpedient & unwise.

R. B. Anderson (Chm

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Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9. o'Clock.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning 9. o'Clock

Presbytery met & spent one half hour in devotional Exercises.

The roll was called; & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Report on Sess. Records.

The first order of the day was taken up & the various committees appointed thereto, presented reports on Sessional Records, which were received, adopted respectively & the Exceptions recorded on the books to which they were taken.

J. J. Allison &c

The committee appointed to examine Mr J. J. Allison on the Latin, Greek & Hebrew Languages, & on Algebra & Geometry also on Natural, Mental & Moral Philosophy, reported that they had attended to that duty, & recommend that the examination be sustained as satisfactory. which report was accepted & adopted.

J. A. Ramsay
J. L. Stinson
&c

Rev Messrs E. F. Rockwell. W. A. Wood & Ruling Elder H. D. Burke were appointed a special committee to examine Messrs J. A. Ramsay & J. L. Stinson on their

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Quinquennial Census. & Reports.

Leave of absence was granted to Dr A. J. H. Thomas, Ruling Elder.

The second order of the day was taken up. Viz:- the consideration of the Overture touching the education of candidates for the ministry - pending the discussion of which. Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met, & heard the trial Sermon of Mr J. J. Allison from Prov. 29:1.

Leave of J. J. Allison

Rev Messrs Thompson & Law. R. M. Tuttle, & H. D. Burke ruling elder, were appointed a committee to examine the Lecture, Critical Exercise & Latin Exegesis of Mr J. J. Allison.

The consideration of the Overture touching the Education of candidates for the Ministry was resumed, amended & adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly & is as follows, viz:

Overture

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully Overtures the Gen. Assembly to consider the propriety of taking the following action, viz:-

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I. To abandon the present scheme of Education & remand this subject to the Presbyteries.

II. To recommend, that as a general rule, the Presbyteries confine their appropriations to Candidates, to the payment of their expenses while in the Seminary, or during the advanced stage of their Collegiate course.

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III. That the day appropriated for raising the collection for this cause be returned, & that the excess above its own wants which any Presbytery may acquire, be appropriated as the Presbytery may direct,
It may be used in supplying the wants of any sister Presbytery. or it may be sent to either of our Seminaries to be appropriated as the Faculty may direct.

We respectfully submit a few of the reasons which seem to call for this action,

1. It will diminish the amount of ecclesiastical machinery & will save the expense attendant upon the present system.

2. It will bring the Candidates into closer relation to, & more direct dependance upon the Presbyteries.

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3. It will avoid the evils growing out of the present system of supporting Candidates throughout their Collegiate, & Theological courses.
These evils are briefly as follows:

1. A youth is made a beneficiary before he has any well matured plans of life, & under the impulses incident to that period of life, he may think that he is called to the ministry, & at a later period after he has spent the money of the Church & has become known as a Candidate for the ministry, he may find that he was mistaken.
Then also he attempts to hold on, or at once recede, the result is embarrassment to himself & injury to the cause of Christ.

2. Offering free Education, the Church is in danger of becoming the temptress & of inducing unconverted men to make professions for the sake of the benefits offered, greatly to the scandal of the cause & reproach of the ministry.

3. The tendency is to depreciate the love of the ministry, & to repress that independent effort which we believe is often used by the great

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Head of the Church in preparing those who are called for fulfilling the duties of the office of the ministry.

The following report from the Com. on Colportage was presented & approved. The committee continued & $50. out of the funds contributed to Publication appropriated for the gratuitous distribution of books.:

Report Colportage

The Colportage committee would report:

1. That from Sept. 1st to April 1st a period of 7 months, the sales of the Colporteur have been amounted to 1405; & 240. Catechisms, worth about $1300- an average of about $186 per month.

2. During the financial pressure of last fall & winter, we deemed it expedient to permit our Colporteur to go into Bethel Presbytery, inasmuch as some of the ministers of that Presbytery, had requested it. Perhaps the favorable report of sales given by us is in a great measure owing to this act.

3. We have on April 1st about $8 1/2 worth of books & $100, in cash on hands. This is exclusive of $50- which we have set apart to pay the balance due on the home of Mrs Miller.

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4. For the past six months we have paid our Colporteur $30 & his expenses per month. This we were enabled to do on account of the large sales made by him.

5. In looking forward to the future, we fear that our sales will not equal what they have been in the past. Yet we think that upon our present capital the work can be carried on for a long time, even with much smaller sales.

Report on Colportage

6. The Colporteur has repeatedly expressed his desire to donate books in certain instances, feeling that thereby he could do much in promoting the good of souls & the glory of God. Our limited capital has prevented our permitting him to do this. We however, the Presbytery would appropriate $50 out of the funds contributed to Publication, for this purpose; we could use that amount (or so much of it as might be necessary) in this way.

J. B. Mack
D. McKinnon
J. T. Allison

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The committee of Education made the following report which was rec'd & approved:

The Com. of Education would beg leave to make the following report:
Since April 18th 1874, we have had 6 candidates under our care; viz:
J. G. Allison. member of Concord Town Ch,
T. J. Pelzer " " " " "
R. F. Julian " Salisbury. " "
J. A. Ramsay " " " "
C. W. Robinson " Poplar Tent. "
R. W. Stinson " Statesville. "

Educational Com's. Report.

Of these, J. G. Allison is pursuing his Theological course at Columbia S. C. & is now completing his second year. R. F. Julian & C. W. Robinson, owing to the scarcity of means, & in one instance, at least, to the advice of friends, have been teaching the past year.
They have finished their literary course, & will, we trust, find the way open to enter the Seminary in Aug.
Mr J. A. Ramsay & R. W. Stinson have just completed their first year in the Theological Seminary.
Mr T. J. Pelzer is in the preparatory department & is under the instruction of

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Mr E. W. Faucette of Concord S. C. He can enter College this fall.
During the past year we have had five beneficiaries:
T. J. Pelzer.
R. F. Julian
J. A. Ramsay,
C. W. Robinson &
R. W. Stinson.

Educational Com's. Report.

We would however, make the statement that, since Aug. 1874, but one has been received any appropriation, for the reason that R. F. Julian & C. W. Robinson have been teaching; & J. A. Ramsay & R. W. Stinson have found their private means sufficient this year.
So far as we can learn, our candidates sustain good moral characters, & are making commendable progress in their studies.
Our appropriations, during the past year, amount to $165.20, according to the following distribution; viz:

To R. F. Julian	$ 51.55
T. J. Pelzer,	114.15
Total -	165.20,

We have in the Treasury - $185.66,
R. M. Pattillo Chm.

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Fifth Church.

The following report was presented & adopted:

The committee to which was referred the Records & annual report of the Sus. Committee, respectfully submit the following recommendations:-

Report on Sus. Com's report.

1. That the Records of the Sustentation Committee be approved as far as written.

2. That Presbytery ratify the relation of Stated supply between Rev S. P. Winn & the church of Lemon, at a salary of $500. for one half of his time from Nov 1st 1874 to Nov 1st 1875.

3. That we approve the appropriations to the ministers therein named laboring in different portions of our territory, & to widows of deceased ministers,

4. That we approve the election of Rev A. G. Crawford as Evangelist to labor among our vacant Churches & missionary stations - that we cordially commend him to the confidence & affection of those to whom he is called to minister; & earnestly urge them to contribute liberally to his support.

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Com. to install Rev. R. B. A.

6. That a committee be appointed to confer with the Session of Mt. Zion Church in relation to the call extended to Rev. R. B. Anderson, & report at this meeting.

7. That we commend the faithfulness of the committee, & recommend that the committee remain as at present constituted.

Com. { J. M. Potts, B. G. Beall, E. M. Stimson

The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev R. B. Anderson over the Morganton Church made the following report which was accepted & adopted:

The committee recommend that the installation take place on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath of May 11. o'Cl A. M.

That Rev G. M. Stimson preach the installation sermon & propose the Constitutional questions - That Rev J. B. Mack be his alternate - That Rev Wm. M. Plumer deliver the charge to the pastor - That Rev B. G. Beall be his alternate - That Rev W. A. Wood deliver the charge to the people & that Rev J. Morgan be his alternate.

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The committee appointed to examine
Messrs R. L. Stinson & J. A. Ramsay,
on their literary course & Hebrew,
reported the performance of this duty &
recommended that their examination
be sustained, which report was rec'd
& adopted.

E. F. Rockwell (Chm)

R. L. Stinson
J. A. Ramsay.
Examined.

The committee on the Minutes of Synod
made the following report, which, as
amended, was adopted:-

The committee on the Minutes of
Synod report, that they have examined
the same, & find nothing requiring the
special attention of Presbytery, except
two items, both found on page 24 of
the printed minutes. The first urges
the Assembly's suggestions for evangelizing
the colored people. The committee call
attention to this resolution of Synod without
offering any recommendations.

The second item refers to the question
of paying tithes.

Minutes of Synod report on.

Tithe question referred.

We recommend that the consideration of
this subject be referred to the next meeting
of Presbytery, & that it be made the first order of the day
for the afternoon of the 2nd day's session. R. L. Stinson, Chm

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Mr A. G. McIntosh was put on the list
of Provisional Trustees of Davidson College,
in accordance with the recommendation
of the committee appointed on this subject.

A. G. McIntosh, Provisional Trustee.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence
presented their report, which was accepted,
& ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

Sys. Ben. Report.

The committee appointed to examine the
Popular Lecture, Critical Exercise, & Latin
Exercises of Mr J. B. Allison, reported that they
had examined the same, & recommend that
they be sustained, which report was adopted.

J. B. Allison Examination.

The committee to which the Narratives from
the churches was referred, made a report, which
was accepted & adopted, & the exceptions ordered to
be recorded on the reports to which they were
taken, & that said reports, with the exceptions,
be returned to the Clerks of Sessions

Chh. Narratives Report.

Rev. J. B. Mack from the committee to prepare
a report on the State of religion within our
bounds, to the Genl. Assembly, made a report
which was accepted & ordered to be transmitted
to the Genl. Assembly.

Narrative to Genl. Assy.

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On motion, it was resolved that the trial & examination of Mr J. J. Allison, be sustained as a whole, & that Presbytery proceed to license him to preach the gospel as a probationer for the full work of the gospel ministry.

Licensure of J. J. Allison.

Whereupon Mr Allison was licensed according to our Constitutional forms to preach the gospel as a probationer for the full work of the ministry.

Rev J. Rumple, from the Committee of Sustentation, presented the following, which was adopted:-

Supplies.

The Committee of Sustentation would recommend the following supplies; viz:
1. That Rev J. B. Mack spend one Sabbath at Back Creek, during the sickness of their supply.
2. That Rev R. M. Tuttle spend one Sab. at Bethesda.
3. That J. J. Allison licentiate, spend one Sabbath at Thyatira, Back Creek & Concord Churches, & at such other of the vacant churches as he may think it expedient to visit.

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Finance Com. Report

The Committee of Finance made the following additional report:
They report the indebtedness of Presbytery, by way of arrearages, to be about $200. The assessment on the Churches to be $400. They are of opinion that if the assessment were promptly paid that all the demands against the Presbytery would be fully met. They further report some additional collections since they last reported - making in the Treasurer's hands at present $216.85.

D. C. Hamilton
Moses Tingle

Com. Devotional exercises report.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, recommending that the Exercises on Sabbath be as follows:
That the Moderator preach the morning Sermon - that Rev J. Rumple introduce the Communion Service - that Rev D. R. Faston administer the Bread & Wine.

E. F. Rockwell
A. D. Bush.

Evangelistic report.

The Committee on Evangelistic work, presented their report which was accepted & ordered to be transmitted to the Gen. Assembly.

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Fifth Church.

Res. of thanks.

The thanks of Presby. were tendered to the Congregation of Fifth Church for their hospitality & special kindness, & the pastor of the Church requested to read the same from the pulpit.

The minutes of today were read & approved.

Adjourned.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in Siloam Church on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in Sept. 1875 - 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

(Signed) William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk.

Examined & approved as far as written.
D. H. Dacton Mod

Fifth Circle.

Appendix

No 1.

On Evangelistic work.

Concord Presbytery would respectfully report to the Genl. Assembly that they have employed an Evangelist, who has been laboring among our vacant churches since the 15th of Dec, 1874. & is expected to labor for one year at a salary of $1200, per annum.

Wm. P. Ham
Std Clk,

Appendix.
No 2.

Narrative to the Genl. Assembly.

The Presbytery of Concord, in presenting to the Genl. Assembly a report for the year ending April 5th 1875; would make the following Statements, viz;

1. There has been quite an increase of ministers during the year past, four new names having been added to our roll.
As a consequence our churches are more abundantly supplied with the ministration of the word than for many years past, there being scarcely a church in which services are not held every month.

2. The aggressive work of the church in the employment of an Evangelist & a Colporteur has been carried on with marked success.

3. Several of our churches have employed enjoyed precious seasons of grace, & almost all report healthy additions to their membership.

4th Several of our churches have increased the salaries of their pastors, & there has been some increase in the amount given by the Presbytery, as a whole, to the cause of Christ.

5th There has been indications of

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Of worldliness coming in like a flood upon portions of our Presbytery, but our churches have faithfully raised the Standard of truth against it.

Upon the whole, we have great reason to thank the Lord for His blessing upon us during the past year; & we hope that the pillar of his presence will go before us in the future.

Wm. W. Mann
Std Clk.

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No 3.

Systematic Benevolence.

Report of Concord Presbytery to the Gen. Assembly, for the year ending April 1875.

Objects.	No of Chs Contributing.	Amounts.
Sustentation	26	$ 413.06.
Evangelistic	22	464.
Invalid Fund	21	275.70.
For Missions	24	747.77.
Education	20	2628.35
Publication	21	228.03.
Presbyterial	21.	296.
Pastor's Salaries paid,	24	9900.
Congregational	20	4778.
Miscellaneous	13.	399.91.
	Total. 28.	$20152.82.

15 Churches have contributed to all the six Objects ordered by the Gen. Assy; 17 have contributed to five of them; 4 have contributed to four of them; 1 has contributed to three of them; 3 have contributed to two of them; 1 has contributed to one of them; & 5 have contributed to none of them.

Wm. W. Mann
Std Clk.

Fifth Circuit.

No 4. Sabbath Schools.

Report of Concord Asso. to the Genl. Assy. for the Year ending 1875.

	No. Sch.	T.	Sch.	T.	Sch.	T.	Sch.	T.	Sch.	T.	Sch.	Amt. cont'd on Sch.	Remarks
Johnsville	7	60	5	40	2	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	$5.44
Concord	15	105	12	64	-	3	2	-	-	2	$34	-	
Unity	6	60	6	40	-	-	-	-	-	6	6.34	-	
Third Br.	12	80	2	50	-	-	-	-	-	6	6.34	-	
Siloam	8	60	5	30	-	-	3	14	-	-	-	-	
Colly. Ch.	8	49	8	45	1	21	-	-	-	1	-		26.25
Gilmillis.	6	40	5	35	1	2	-	-	6	5	22.45	-	
Newton	6	30	5	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.50	2.50	
Fredericks.	5	25	4	20	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fifth Sch.	8	66	6	40	-	1	1	-	-	-	3.00	-	
Morgantown	10	45	8	60	3	10	-	-	-	-	4.30	2.30	
Bethphage	6	50	5	30	-	-	1	6	-	1	-	11.00	
Locust	7	55	6	40	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	5.94	
Franklin	8	50	5	30	-	-	-	-	1	10	20.00	-	
Salisbury	14	103	14	78	-	-	-	-	-	2	113.00	14.00	
Prospect	13	70	8	40	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	
Bachelor	5	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3		-	
Stahlsville	15	140	12	100	-	10	-	-	-	2	11.00	10.20	
Bethany	6	50	5	40	-	-	-	-	2	13	-	-	
Beacon	15	34	15	34	-	5	-	-	-	9	12.29	-	
Marion	7	43	5	28	3	20	-	-	-	-	13.25	-	
Total 22.	197.	1593.	149.	869.	11.	92.	6.	14.	16.	103.	$243.00.	$76.01	

Only two out of our 34 Chs. have reported. Our schools are all under the control of the Sessions. The Bible & Catechisms are taught. & a variety of Lesson Books are used. The books generally procured from our Com. at Richmond

R. H. Tuttle. Asst Sec

Report of Concord Presbytery to the

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Genl Assembly that it consists of 34 Churches, 4 Licentiates and 5 Candidates:-

Ministers Candidates & Licentiates.	Post Offices	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Add'ns during year	Dism's during year	Total of Communicants	Added by Profession
Jesse Rankin	24 Lenoir N.C.							
Paul Lindley S.S.								
D.F. Johnston Col'd	Morganton "							
E.F. Rockwell S.S.	Cool Springs "	Fifth Creek S.S.	6	5	3	1	129	6
"	"	Bethany "	5	-	28	1	100	12
T.N. Paxton P.	Marion "	Marion P.	2	3	1	2	39	-
S.S.	"	Lebanon S.S.	2	2	1	-	43	-
Gill. Gibbs S.S.	Hickory Station	Gibbs Mission S.S.	3	3	1	9	24	-
" "	Rock Creek "	Shiloh S.S.	3	1	5-	11	42	2
" "	Bethany Church	Tabor "	4	2	3	-	51	2
D.Y. Brall "	Lenoir "	Taylorsville	4	2	-	-	60	-
A.L. Crawford Ex.	Statesville "							
R.E. Chandler S.S.	Attwells "	Back Creek	3	3	13	2	100	-
" "	Amity Hill "	Bethesda "	4	3	25-	3	100	14
J. Kimmble P.	Salisbury "	Salisbury P.	8	6	4	10	147	-
Wm. Shaw P.	Mt. Mourne "	Centre P.	7	4	4	3	124	2
" "	Mill Hill "	Bethphage "	6	4	6	5-	163	-
W.A. Wood "	Statesville "	Statesville "	6	4	7	13	176	-
" S.S.	Fancy Hill "	Concord S.S.	12	2	4	3	240	-
J.B. Black P.	Harris Depot "	Rocky River P.	10	6	55-	6	394	17
J. McKinnon "	Concord "	Concord Town P.	6	7	5-	10	146	-
J.D. Martin Ex.	Statesville "							
R.B. Anderson P.	Morganton "	Morganton P.	3	-	5-	8	84	-

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Boys Baptized	No. Bap'tized mem. Comm'n	Elders' S.S.	Distribution	Evangelistic	Church Fund	Foreign	Education	Publication	Presbyterial	Pastor's Salary & Stated Supply	Congregational	Miscellaneous
			$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
10	-	60	-	20	-	6	-	2	-	150	250	6
6	28	50	5-	5-	5-	5-	-	5-	-	139	-	-
1	28	30	5-	5-	7	15-	5-	8	5-	270	6	10
4	61	30	3	4	4	6	5-	2	4	61	-	11.
3	28	42	5-	3	3	5-	3	3	5-	250	-	17.
4	17	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	2	5-	-	-	-	-	5	98	68	-
4	53	60	4	6	8	-	10	6	7	200	23	66.
4	60	56	1	5-	9	11	5-	4	10	400	100	-
13	46	15-	3	4	-	6	-	-	-	300	40	-
9	81	114	50	90	5-	80	2226	40	34	1300	35-5-	40-
14	147	53	10	-	8	26	-	-	-	292	11	-
8	112	50	15-	10	20	20	10	2	28	299.	-	20
10	-	140	78	22	25-	111	57	-	13	800	127	57
12	-	75-	20	16	-	34	5-	1	13	150	12	-
13	208	178-	39	55-	53	110	75-	40	10	1400	1038	170.
14	85-	103	20	-	10	42	30	17	35-	1000	2370	-
4	69-	48	23	27	17	61	25-	17	16	600	25-8	61.

Report of Concord Presbytery to the Synod

Ministers & Licentiates & Candidates	Post Offices	Churches	Elders	Members	Add. Exam	Add. Cert	Total Members
" "	Newton "	Newton "	5	2	—	—	324
R. A. Tuttle D.	Mooresville "	Prospect "	8	8	14	3	361
R. H. Boyd "	Woodleaf "	Third Creek "	7	4	8	3	142
" "	" "	Unity "	5	3	5	3	109
J. H. Davis F. C.	Soochow China						
Jas. L. Thornwell D.	Concord "	Poplar Tent "	—	—	—	—	170
20.	Salisbury "	Thyatira "	—	—	—	—	134
" "	" "	Franklin "	3	5	7	2	124
	Mar. College "	Bethel "	—	—	—	—	39
	Morganton "	Drusilla "	—	—	—	—	13
	Jefferson "	Jefferson "	—	—	—	—	11
	Long Point "	Salem "	3	1	—	—	37
	Mocksville "	Mocksville "	1	2	—	—	20
	Concord "	Zion "	2	2	2	7	17	33
	Millsboro "	Wilkinsons "	2	—	2	—	19
	Davie College "	College Ch. "	4	1	1	—	45
	Lenoir "	Lenoir "	4	3	9	2	69
		Total 34.	138	86	222	123	3497
Secretaries &c.							
J. C. Kennedy	Mt. Mourne "						
T. J. Allison	Tabor "						
D. D. Winn	Lenoir "						
J. J. Allison	Columbia S.C.						

Assembly's meet St. Louis May 1875 — Continued.

Baptized	Infants Baptized	Not Baptized Non Comm.	Children S.S. & B.	Instruction	Examination	Invalid Sus.	For. Miss	Education	Publication	Ministerial	Pastoral Val.	Val of			Congregational	Miscellaneous
—	1	20	30	6	6	5—	4	8	5—	6	174				16	5—
1	19	225—	70	6	—	10	12	9	9	24	710				38	—
1	2	—	70	4	5—	10	10	5—	13	11	350	8			8	6.
3	5—	—	60	6	5—	9	4	4	3	10	300				35—	—
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—	—															
1	11	61	50	—	71	—	—	—	—	5—	—	—	52		32	—
—	—	12	—	5—	50	—	12	—	7	5—	—				—	
2	2	19	—	1	7	2	2	1	1	—	5—				60	—
1	1	13	27	7	—	15—	6	2	2	2	—				—	—
1	2	20	45	64	40	30	122	33	46	6	300				9	—
4	3	33	84	32	—	24	48	117	10	21	500				45—	1
58	190	1406	15-34	411	461	279	758	2623	243	275	9985				4869	495—

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Liloam Church.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at Liloam Church, & was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator Rev A. L. Crawford from Ps 31:3. "For thy name's sake lead me & guide me."

Presbytery was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called & the following Ministers & Ruling Elders were present:

Ministers

T. P. Johnston
E. F. Rockwell
T. N. Paxton
G. M. Gibbs.
B. L. Beall
A. L. Crawford.
Wm. W. Phares.
R. A. Wood
L. McKinnon
N. W. Boyd.

Absentees

Absent without excuse: Dan'l Lindley & A. E. Chandler. J. W. Davis & N. C. Tuttle. N. B. Anderson.

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Churches represented. Ruling Elders.

Back Creek.	Thos. McConnel.
Bethany	M. G. Morrison
Bethpage	S. M. Furr
A. College	Prof. W. J. Martin
Concord	A. C. Sharpe
Concord Town	M. M. Gillon
Fifth Creek	R. A. Montgomery
Franklin	W. A. Thomason
Lenoir	Dr. L. Beall
Marion	Robt. Burgin
Salisbury	A. A. Davis
Shiloh	Wm. Clark
Taylorsville	A. C. McIntosh
Third Creek	W. L. Steele
Siloam	G. C. McCoy.

Chs unrepresented

Churches unrepresented:-
Bethel. Bethesda. Amsilla. Gibbs Mission.
Jefferson. Mocksville. Morganton.
Newton. Salem. Tabor. Thyatira.
Wilkesboro & Zion.

Offices

Rev E. F. Rockwell was chosen Moderator & Rev L. C. Beall and Prof. W. J. Martin Temporary Clerks.

On motion Presbytery took recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

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Afternoon.

Presbytery met. The minutes of the last Stated of Presbytery & the Standing Rules were read.

Rev S. McKinnon rendered satisfactory excuse for absence from the last Stated meeting.

Coms by Mod.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

Judicial Com. Rev Wm. M. Sloan
" T. P. Johnston &
A. A. Davis.

Bills & Overtures- Rev G. A. Gibbs
" J. Rumple &
A. C. McIntosh.

Devotional Exercises- Rev T. W. Naylor
& Robt. Burgin.

Narrative to Synod- Rev A. L. Crawford
" R. M. Boyd &
R. L. Beall

On Minutes of Gen. Assembly. Rev S. T. Martin
" S. McKinnon
Prof W. J. Martin.

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Committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College — Rev W. A. Wood, Mr. W. Bain & Rev A. Montgomery.

A. D. Hepburn rec'd

Rev Andrew D. Hepburn was received on certificate from Orange Presbytery after the usual examination, & his name enrolled.

A paper was read from Rev J. Hall President of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, containing interesting religious statistics touching said College & was received as information.

Corresponding members.

Rev Thoms. Thurston of the Bay Association of the Congregational Church of California being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Comm. to Genl. Ass'y Report.

Rev A. Taylor Martin and Prof W. J. Martin ruling Elder, made report of the attendance on the sessions of the Genl. Assembly at St. Louis Mo. which reports were accepted.

Place & time of next meeting

Mocksville was chosen as the place, & Friday 8 o'clk P.M. before the 4th Sabbath in April 1876. as the time for the next stated meeting of this Presbytery.

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Evangelist report.

Rev A. L. Crawford, Evangelist of Bus, presented his report of his labors in the field, which was accepted & his diligence cordially approved.

R. B. Anderson installed pastor of Morganton Ch.

The committee appointed to install Rev R. B. Anderson pastor of the Morganton church, reported that said duty had been performed on the 12th of June 1875. which report was received & the Committee discharged.

Annual report Trustees D. C.

The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was read & received as information.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock. closed with prayer.

Thursday morning
Sept. 9th 1875.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The roll was called, & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Isaac Witherspoon from Statesville, W. H. Gray from Prospect & Thoms. L. Robinson from Poplar Tent, appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness.

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R.M. Buttle petition for dissolution of pastoral relation prospect Ch

A paper was read from Rev R.M. Buttle, requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself & the Prospect Church, also a paper from said church concurring in this request, which were deferred for further consideration until the adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held during the Session of Synod at Greensboro. It was further ordered that the church of Prospect be cited to appear at that place & show cause, if there be any, why the said relation should not be dissolved.

Rev Messrs J. Rumple & J.B. Mack and ruling Elder S.E.W. Khan from Rocky River appeared in Presbytery & gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Corresponding member

Rev D.M. Anderson of Bethel Presbytery S.C. being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Petition from S.E. Khan & others for restoration deferred

A petition from Rev S.E. Khan & others to be restored to the work of the gospel ministry, and also petitions from Thyatira, Franklin & Sharon Congregations praying for the same, were read, docketed & referred for further action to the meeting to be held during the Sessions of Synod at Greensboro.

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J.J. Allison licentiate report.

A written report was read of the labors of J.J. Allison licentiate, since last Stated Meeting, which was received as information.

A letter from Rev Z.F. Banks Agt for Davidson College touching the interests of said Institution, was read as information.

Ag't For Missions report.

The order of the day having arrived, the Rev T.P. Johnston Ag't for Foreign Missions presented the following report, which was received.

Mooresville petition for Organization of a church.

A petition was presented from citizens of Mooresville Iredell Co, for the organization of a church at that place, which was received & referred to a committee consisting of Rev Messrs A.G. Crawford, W.A. Wood & Prof W.J. Martin ruling elder, with instructions to report thereon at this meeting.

T.J. Allison licentiate transferred

Mr T.J. Allison licentiate, under the care of this Presbytery was, at his own request, transferred to the care of Orange Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to provide a home for Mrs E.B. Wilson presented a report, which was received & referred to a committee consisting Rev J.B. Mack, D.A. Davis & Mr Gibbon with instructions to suggest some plan by which

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this object may be brought to completion,

On motion, Presbytery took recess until 1½ o'clock P. M.

After recess,

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the order of the day, viz: the Synod's resolution touching the duty of giving the Tithe to the Lord, after a free discussion of which, the following resolution was adopted:

Tithe question

Resolved That the Stated Clerk of Presby, be directed to report to Synod, that this body has obeyed its injunction to consider the subject of giving the Tithe to the Lord, & that it does not see its way clear to render a decision thereon.

The Committee appointed thereto, presented a report, touching the Education of Candidates for the ministry at Davidson College, from this Presbytery, the consideration of which was made the second order of the day for tomorrow morning.

Education of Candidates at D. College report.

Free conversation on State of Religion.

It was made the first order of the day on tomorrow to hold a free conversation on the State of religion in our bounds.

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Colportage report.

The Agt. of Colportage presented a report which accepted.

Presbytery then adjourned until to. morning 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning
Sept 10th 1875.

Presbytery met & was opened prayer.

The roll was called, & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

On motion, the first order of the day was suspended for the present.

The Chairman of the Judicial Committee reported that no business had come into the hands of the Committee & asked be discharged the report was recived & the request granted.

Trustees of Davidson College.

The Committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College reported, recommending that the two whose term of service now expires viz: Rev J. B. Mack & W. L. Harris Esq be re-appointed to serve four years.

Com. discharged

The Chairmen of the Committee on Bills & Overtures reported that no business had come into their hands & ask to be discharged, which was accepted & the request granted.

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Lebanon Church.

On motion, the first order of the day was taken up, when a free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds was held.

The regular order of the day, viz: the report of the A.S.T. of Publication, was suspended to give place to devotional Exercises; after which the A.S.T. of Publication made the following report, which was accepted & the accompanying recommendation adopted:

A.S.T. of Publication report.

1. The work of the Publication Committee has been carried on with its usual success during the past year.

2. Arrangements are being made whereby the Reformed Church of America will co-operate with us in the Publication work; the Earnest Worker & the Children's Friend being published in common with them, & the publications of both Houses Churches being regarded as issuing from two branches of the same house.

3. A little over $7000, only has been paid for the Publication House this year, leaving the debt thereon to be $31000- the interest of this however is fully met by the rent of those portions of the House not needed by our Com,

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Pub. report

A. The Gen. Assembly last Spring recommended that all our Churches take up a collection for the Publication cause on the first Sabbath in March next, & that each Church specify for what particular purpose the contribution is made- whether it is for the general purposes of the committee; for the Endowment Fund, or for the Publishing House.

Your A.S.T. would recommend that this Presbytery approve of this action, & direct the Stated Clerk to call the attention of our Churches to this fact through the N.Y. Presbyterian next February

J.B. Mack A.S.T.

Stated Clerk

Moorsville petition granted &c

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the Moorsville people for the organization of a church at that place, reported that they had carefully considered the matter, & would cordially recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Whereupon, Rev Messrs A. D. Crawford W. A. Wood & Prof. R. J. Allardice ruling elder were appointed a committee to repair to Moorsville, & organize said church, if the way be clear.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

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After recess.

Presbytery met, Leave of absence was granted Thos. McConnel ruling Elder.

The committee appointed to suggest some plan to provide for the deficiency in the building of a house for Mrs Eva Wilson reported recommending the following, which was adopted:

Com. to provide a house for Mrs. Eva Wilson report.

1. That $50. of the Invalid Fund in the Treasury be appropriated to this purpose, & that the Treasurer be directed to pay the same to H. C. Hamilton, Treasurer of the building committee.

2. That the Colportage Committee be authorized to pay as much as $100. if their funds will warrant.

3. That all our churches be requested to take up a collection for this purpose before the close of this year.

4. That the Building Committee be directed to secure as much from private subscription as possible

J. B. Mack (Chr.)

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Presbytery then took up the order of the day, when the report of the committee appointed to devise a plan to assist the expenses of candidates for the ministry from this Presbytery, at Davidson College, was considered, & on motion re-committed to the committee, with the addition thereto of the Messrs J. B. Mack, S. D. Martin & A. D. Hepburn & W. J. Martin ruling elder, with instructions to report at the meeting to be held at Greensboro during the occasion of the meeting of Synod.

Education of candidates at D. College report re-committed

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs Wm H. Sloan, J. B. Mack, & S. McKinnon, and ruling Elders: M. M. Gillon, S. E. W. Sloan, D. A. Davis, M. G. Morrison, T. H. Robinson, McClaskie, W. L. Steele, S. M. Finn, A. C. Sharpe, H. M. Gray & W. A. Thomason.

A call from Lenoir church for the pastoral services of Paul P. Winn licentiate, was read, promising him the sum of Five Hundred dollars ($500.) for one half of his time, payable quarterly in advance, & on motion was placed in his hands; & at his request leave was granted him to retain it in his hands for further consideration, until the next stated meeting of this body.

P. P. Winn called to Lenoir ch.

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Com, Sus. report.

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The Chairman of the Committee of Sustentation made a report, which was received as information.

A. L. Crawford Elected Evangelist.

Rev A. L. Crawford was, on motion, re-elected as Evangelist for one year, after the expiration of his present year's term of service, at a salary of two hundred dollars ($100,) per month.

Narrative

The narrative on the state of religion within our bounds was read, received & ordered to be forwarded to Synod,

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Gen'l Assembly presented a report which was received, & made the order of the day for to-morrow morning 10. o'clock.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning
Sept 11th 1875-

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The roll was called, & the minutes of yesterday were read, corrected & approved,

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Thanks &c

The thanks of Presbytery were tendered to the citizens of Siloam church, & Old Fort, for their kindness & hospitality to the members of this body, & to the officers of the N. C. R. R. Road for the courtesy of reduced fare.

Minutes of Gen'l Assb'y, Report of Com.

Presbytery then took up the order of the day, viz: The consideration of the report of the committee on the Minutes of the Gen'l Assembly, when the following was adopted:

1. Touching the Assembly's recommendation as to Evangelistic work:
Resolved, That this Presbytery, under existing circumstances, deems it inexpedient to change its present plan for supporting its Evangelist.

2. Touching the Gen'l Assembly's injunction as to the religious welfare of the colored people among us, the following answer was adopted:
Resolved, That the Presbytery enjoins upon it Evangelist & all its ministers, to take all opportunities to preach the gospel to the colored people; nevertheless in view of the fact, that almost all the Presbyterians among the colored people are gathered into Churches connected with the Northern Presbyterian Church, the way to active labors among them is to a large extent closed.

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5. Touching the Assembly's recommendation as to Education:
Resolved. That this Presbytery does not see it's way clear to co-operate with the Assembly, on the subject of Education.

Minutes of Genl. Assy. Report of Comm

6. Touching the Commissioners and Contingent Fund, the following was adopted.
Resolved, That we adhere to our present plan for raising said funds.

On motion Presbytery took a recess until the close of public worship

After recess.

Presbytery met & resumed the consideration of the committees report on the minutes of the Genl. Assembly.

The following resolution touching the Assembly's injunction concerning Systematic Benevolence. was adopted:

5. Resolved That the attention of pastors. Supplies Sessions & our Evangelist be called to the deliverance of the Genl. Assembly on the subject of Systematic Benevolence on pp 39 & 40. & that they be directed to comply with its requirements.

6 Resolved. That we adopt as our own action. the action of the Genl. Assembly on p 42:—

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viz: That our Churches be earnestly encouraged & exhorted to establish & conduct Sabbath Schools for the colored people wherever practicable, & that separate reports of all such Schools be sent up to the Presbytery, to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly for information.

Call as to Claims of Davidson College.

On motion, the calling on the Ministers & Elders to respond, as to whether the claims of Davidson College had been presented to the churches, was deferred until the next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church in Greensboro on Wednesday 13th of Oct, 12. o'clock M.

The minutes of to day were read, corrected & approved.

Closed with singing, prayer & the Apostolic benediction.

(Signed) William M. Plumer
Stated Clerk

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Appendix. No 1.

The Narrative of Synod.

The Presbytery of Concord would report to the Synod of N. C. - That our churches generally have enjoyed the means of grace through pastors Stated Supplies, or the Evangelist.

The attendance upon, & the attention to the preached word has been almost encouraging good.

Prayer meetings have been held in a large majority of our Churches.

The Young Mens Prayer meeting has been an encouraging feature. In one Church, every young man connected with the Church leads in prayer.

In all our Churches, except two Sabbath Schools are Conducted & reported as in a flourishing condition. A few of our churches, in addition to Sabbath Schools, have Bible classes that promise good.

The grace of giving & the spirit of Christian liberality seems to be on the increase, increased contributions being made regularly to all the benevolent schemes of the Church.

In nearly all of our Churches there have been some additions to the membership, & in some instances, very encouraging additions.

From a review of the whole we are persuaded

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that there has been a constant & steady growth in spirituality & in christian activity; for which we render devout thanksgiving to God.

A. L. Crawford (Chm)

No 2.

Report on Colportage.

From April 1st to Sept. 1st 1875, a period of 5 months, the sales of the Colporteur have been amounted to about $5-23. & his donations to $16.20. He has sold & donated 642 Volumes & 435 Tracts & Catechisms.

During the same period members of the committee have sold books to the value of about $111; making the total sales & donations to be about $650, an average of $130 per month.

The sales have not been as large as usual, but even at the present rate the work can easily be carried on by again placing the salary of the Colporteur at the old rate.

J. D. Mack (Chm)

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No 3.

Report on Publication.

1. The work of the Publication Committee has been carried on with its usual success during the past year.

2. Arrangements are being made whereby the Reformed Church of America will co-operate with us in the publication work; the Earnest Worker & the Children's Friend being published in common with them, & the publications of both Churches being regarded as issuing from two branches of the same house.

3. A little over $7000. only have been paid for the Publishing House this year, leaving the debt thereon to be $31000. The interest of this amount is fully met by the rent of those portions of the House not needed by our committee.

4. The Gen. Assembly last Spring recommended that all our Churches take up a collection for the Publication Cause on the 1st Sab. in alternate months, & that each Church specify for what particular purpose the contribution is made - whether it is for the general use of the Board, for the Endowment Fund, or for the Publication House.

Your Act. would recommend that this Presbytery approve of this action, & direct the Stated Clerk to call the attention of our Churches to this fact through the N. C. Presbyterian next February.

J. D. Mack, Act,

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No 4.

Report on For. Missions.

Churches	Total Comm.	Amt given	Amt Per member		Total Comm.	Amt given	Amt. Per member
Fifth Creek	149	$7.55	.04	Drusilla	12	.50	.4
Bethany	100	5.05	.05	Liberty Chapel		1.05	
Marion	39	51.75	1.32	Jefferson	11	–	–
Siloam	243	11.50	.26	Salem	27	–	–
Gibb Mission	24	2.00	.08	Mocksville	20	12.57	.62
Shiloh	42	–	–	Zion	39	–	–
Tabor	31	–	–	Wilkesboro	19	11.50	.50
Taylorsville	60	16.76	.27	Davidson College	45	179.01	3.97
Fourth Creek	100	11.55	.11	Lenoir	69	83.16	1.20
Bethesda	100	3.40	.03	Miscellaneous	–	50.00	–
Salisbury	147	82.45	.56		3497	1471.66	42.
Centre	134	39.05	.29				
Bethphage	163	25.74	.15				
Statesville	176	245.22	1.38				
Concord	240	64.00	.30				
Rocky River	394	238.30	.60				
Concord Town	146	99.65	.47				
Morganton	84	60.82	.72				
Newton	34	12.10	.35				
Prospect	361	11.00	.03				
Third Creek	142	21.41	.15				
Unity	109	15.85	.14				
Poplar Tent	180	123.05	.72				
Olyatina	134	–	–				
Franklin	124	–	–				
Bethel	39	1.00	.19				

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The Synod of N. C. gave $3967.95 = .25 per member.

The Synod of Va gave $11989 = .57 per member. the highest Synodical average.

All the churches of the Gen. Assembly gave $42234.29 = .39 per member.

Of the Gen. Assembly's 1797 churches 897 contributed. 900 did not.

Of the 34 churches of Concord Presbytery 27 contributed. 7 did not.

In the employ of our Assembly's Com. of For. Missions, are now 27 ordained Missionaries. 9 of which 8 are natives of the country where they live. 27 assistant missionaries from this country & 16 native helpers in all 70.

Of these 11 have been sent out during the year viz: Mr J. M. Dabney to Campinas.

Mrs Stuart & Miss Helen Kirkland to China.

Rev J. G. Wall & wife to the A. S. of Columbia.

Rev D. D. Johnston & wife to Spencer Acdy,

Rev Geo. W. Leyburn & wife & Rev E. G. Leyburn & wife to Grace. 88 converts were added to the mission churches during the year viz: 40 Indians 24 Mexicans. 18 Brazilians. 3 Greeks. 3 Chinese Miss Hoge teached among the Creek Indians has had 22 pupils.

Spencer Academy among the Choctaws has had from 50 to 60 & the school at Matamoras has 51. Mr Erwins school at Barranquilla is prosperous & so is that of Miss Kouzoue Italy

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Campinas Institute has had 140 pupils.
The school at Wangchow & Soochow are doing well.
In conclusion the attention of the Board is called to resolution 1st of the late Gen'l Assembly on the subject of For. Missions found on P 31 of the printed Minutes.

T. P. Johnston (Sec'y)

1875
Oct 13.

Greensboro. N.C.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, in Greensboro Oct 13th 1875, & was opened with prayer by the Moderator Rev E. F. Rockwell.

The roll was called & the following ministers & ruling Elders were present:

Ministers- T. P. Johnston. E. F. Rockwell
T. N. Paxton. B. G. Brall. J. Rumple.
W. A. Wood. E. McKinnon. J. B. Mack
Jas. H. Thornwell & R. M. Tuttle.

Ruling Elders:	Churches.
C. R. White.	Concord Town
E. W. Fancette.	Lenoir
D. A. Davis.	Salisbury.
E. M. Stevenson.	Taylorsville
J. S. Braly	Prospect.
W. J. Martin	Davidson College
J. A. Gowan.	Newton
J. C. McClelland.	Concord
E. B. Stimson.	Statesville
E. A. Perkins	Morganton
S. C. Rankin.	Back Creek.

Corresponding members

Rev Messrs. H. H. Banks. W. M. Pharr
R. H. Chapman & D. & S. C. Alexander
of Mecklenburg Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

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Greensboro. N.C.

R. M. Tuttle
Prospect
Pastoral relation dissolved

The consideration of the request of Rev R. M. Tuttle for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself & the Prospect Church, was taken up.
A paper from Prospect Church concurring in this request was read.
On motion, the request of Rev R. M. Tuttle was granted, & Rev Wm. Pharr directed to visit Prospect Church, preach, & if the way be clear, declare said Church vacant.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met.
D. A. Davis, ruling Elder, was permitted, in behalf of Rev S. C. Pharr & Dr. to withdraw from Presbytery, all petitions & papers touching the restoration of Dr S. C. Pharr to the work of the gospel ministry.

S. C. Pharr
petition
withdrawn

Rev E. McKinnon was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, caused by the death of W. J. Davis.

E. McKinnon
Trustee of
D. College

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Conc. Rep't on assessment of Gen'l Ass'y.

The committee appointed to inquire into, & report upon the subject of the increased assessment upon Concord Presbytery by the Gen'l. Assembly for the Contingent Fund, made the following report:

After correspondence, & careful examination of the Minutes of the Gen'l. Assembly, they have elicited the following facts:

1. The Gen'l Assembly, in 1871 levied an assessment upon all the Presbyteries, amounting in the aggregate to $1230 of which our part was $30.

2. In 1874 overtures from Texas to the Gen'l Assembly directed a per capita assessment of five cts per communicant, to pay both the contingent expenses of the Gen'l Assembly, & the expenses of all the Commissioners to the Gen'l Assembly. This would have raised, in the aggregate $10.578-60. and would have required us to pay $345-30- a sum nearly three times as much as we ever paid for such purposes & almost equal to the entire sum raised in our Presbytery for Presbyterial purposes.
Our Presbytery declined to comply, and indeed very few Presbyteries did comply with the terms of the new plan.

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3. At the last meeting May 1875,- the Gen'l. Assembly adopted a new plan, as an alternative. Viz: that all Presbyteries choosing to pay the expenses of their own Commissions, should pay to the contingent fund 2 cts per communicant.
As Concord Presbytery has nearly 3500 communicants, (3497) this raises our assessment to $70, & makes an aggregate of $2090, or an increase of nearly 60 per cent upon the old amount.

Conc'd Pres'y $70 to Gen'l Ass'y.

There can be but two questions, to be raised here:
1. Was the increase necessary?
2. Is our proportion of said aggregate equitably assigned?
Whether an increase was necessary we have no means of determining, inasmuch as we were unable to find that the Treasurer ever allows his accounts to be printed & published, as the other Treasurers do.
In 1874 the Auditing Committee reported a balance of $117.79 in the Treasurer's hands.
In 1875- they reported a balance of $1.74.
Receipts 1874-5: $4974.36.
It appears therefore that there was a small increase of expenses; & that probably the Treasury would not have been able to meet the expenses of 1876. But it does not seem that it scarcely called for an increase of $360.

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Or 60 per cent, unless the Genl. Assembly has determined to enforce Community, in part, at least, in the matter of Expenses of Commissioners, irrespective of the expressed wishes of the Presbyteries. Whether this is the case, Your Committee has no means of ascertaining, except the hint contained sec. 6th of report on Minutes of 1875, p 35. that after the Contingent Expenses of the Genl. Assembly are met, the remainder to go into the general Commissioners Fund.

2. In regard to the equity of the distribution, granting that was necessary to raise $2090, for this purpose, Your Committee are inclined to approve the principle of per capita assessment, as the most equitable principle available, although it does increase the assessments of Presbyteries in the Synod of N.C. far more than many other Presbyteries. But this may be because our proportion was too small before.

Your Committee would therefore recommend:

Treasurer to pay $70. Assistant to Genl Asst.

1st That Presbytery direct its Treasurer to pay the whole assessment of $70. next Spring

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Com. & answer to Churches

2nd That a Committee be appointed to co-operate with our Treasurer in arranging an assessment upon our Churches, that shall produce a revenue sufficient to meet all the claims upon our Treasury.

Overture & Genl. Asst.

3d That the Presbytery overture the Genl. Assembly to require its Treasurer to print in the Minutes, an abstract of his accounts, just as the Treasurers of all other funds do, unless in the judgment of the Genl. Assembly there be some valid reason for excepting him from the operation of the General rule.

Com. prepg Overture.

4th That a committee be appointed, who shall report at the next meeting of Presby to prepare an overture to the next Genl. Assembly to reconsider their assessment of the Presbyteries last May.

J. Rumple Ch

Com.

The committee contemplated in the 2nd Resolution of this report, consists of Ruling Elders: Wm Murdoch, J.J. Brumer & Ver J.J. Summerell.

Com

The Committee called for in the 4th Resolution of this Report consists of Rev J. Rumple, Gill Rumour & C.R. White.

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A Committee consisting of Rev E. F Rockwell & Ruling Elders E. M. Fauntle & Prof. K. Gullartin was appointed to suggest subjects for trial pieces for Candidates Rich P. Julian & Wm R. McClelland.

Permission was granted to the Committee of Colportage to sell our Colporteurs outfit, consisting of horse & vehicle, together with the Stock of Books on hand, to Orange Presbytery, if they deem it best so to do.

Colportage Com. to sell outfit &c

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Friday Oct 15th 1875—

Oct 15th.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator & was opened with prayer.
The roll was called & the minutes read.

Trial pieces for Mr. R. McClelland

The Committee appointed to suggest subjects for trial pieces for Candidates Rich P. Julian & Wm R. McClelland, reported, recommending that the following be assigned to Mr. R. McClelland
1. Sermon — Rom 3:1
2. Lecture — 1st Psalm
3. Critical exercise — 1 Peter 3: 19-22
4. Latin exegesis — An Mundus dei Sacramentis ait esse sacramentum.

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To Rich P. Julian:
1 Popular Sermon — Rom 5:1.
Trial pieces for R. P. Julian
2. Lecture — 2nd Psalm
3. Critical exercise — 1 Peter 3:18-22.
4 Latin exegesis — An opus operatum sit Sacramentis?
This report was received & adopted

Rev. J. Taylor Martin dismissed

Rev J. Taylor Martin was, at his own request, dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

Paper referred to fall meeting

The paper touching the raising of funds to pay the tuition of Candidates for the ministry from our bounds, at Davidson College, was deferred until the fall meeting of Presbytery in 1876.

College Ch. Changed to D. College.

The name of College Church, was on motion, changed to Davidson College Church.
To Rev R. M. Tuttle, was given permission to labor at will within or without the bounds of this Presbytery
Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Concord Town on Wednesday the 8th of Dec, next at 11, O'Clock A. M.
Closed with prayer.
Wm. W. Pharr
Stated Clerk.

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Dec. 8.

Concord Town. N.C.

Adjourned meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met in the Presbyterian Church of Concord. Dec 8th 1875 - 11 o'clock A.M. according to adjournment, & was called to order by Rev. D. McKinnon, the last Moderator present. & was opened with prayer by Rev J. Rumple.

Rev J. Rumple was appointed to act as temporary Clerk.

Present

The role was called & the following ministers & Ruling Elders were present: Rev Messrs T.P. Johnston, J.L. Mack, J. Rumple, D. McKinnon & J. H. Thornwell.

Ruling Elders: J. D. McNeely of Salisbury. S.E.M. Shaw Rocky River & M.M. Gibson of Concord Town.

Col portage Com. Report

Rev J. L. Mack from the committee on Colportage presented the following report, which was accepted & adopted:

From Sept 1st to Nov 30th the sales of books amounted to $326. & the donations to $15; which makes the amount of books disposed of since Aug 1st 1873. when the Committee began its work, to be nearly $ 4800.00

We have now on hands $126.62 in cash. & $892.27 in good credits, of which $37. is due from the Presbytery on account of donations.

We have also on hands about $200 worth of books, besides the horse & wagon &c.

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Colportage Com'te report,

In Oct, we paid $50. of the $100. ordered by Presbytery to be sent to Mrs Eva Wilson. In conclusion, the Committee tenders their resignation, & would recommend:

1st That the Colportage work be suspended; & that a new committee be appointed to close the business as soon as possible, which Committee shall report to the Presbytery at its next semi-annual meeting.

2nd That of the proceeds $250. returned over to the Gen'l Assembly's Committee of Publication to be held in trust by them (without interest) until needed by our Presbytery - that $50 be sent to N.C. Hamilton for the building the house of Mrs Eva Wilson - & that the balance be sent to the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions for building houses at the Lowchow Mission.

Treasury of Pres, ordered

3d That Presbytery order its Treasurer to pay $37- out of funds contributed to Publication.

J.B. Mack
S. McKinnon
J.B. Allison.

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The resignation of the committee was accepted - their course approved, & the thanks of Presbytery tendered to them for their efficient & successful manner, in which they have conducted the business.

Com, to report

Rev S. McKinnon & Mr M.A. Gillon were appointed a Committee to close up the business of the Colportage Committee, & to report at the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Sus. Com, Report,

The Chairman of the Sustentation Committee made a detailed Statement concerning the financial condition of the Sustentation & Evangelistic work of this Presbytery, showing that $285.- would be due to ministers from the fund of Sustentation at the close of the year, & that there were only $11. in the treasury; & that $362 was now due the Evangelist, & that there were $69.25 in pledges from churches, & $35 in the treasury to meet this claim, leaving $257.75 to be made up.

The Chairman was directed to send a circular letter to the churches, urging them to contribute to both of these causes as quickly & as liberally as possible.

R.W. Boyd Pst. Rob,

Rev J.B. Mack tendered his resignation as Agt, of Publication, which was accepted, & the Rev R.W. Boyd appointed in his stead.

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A.D.C. Trustee D. College

Rev J.B. Mack tendered his resignation as Trustee of Davidson College D. which was accepted, & the Rev A.D. Crawford was elected to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation.

J.H. Thomas on Sus. Com.

Rev J.B. Mack also tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee of Sustentation, which being accepted, the Rev J.H. Thomas was elected in his place.

J.B. Mack & Rockey River Church relation dissolved

Rev J.B. Mack requested the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself & the Rockey River church, & gave reasons why he asked for the dissolution

Mr S.E.W. Phair, reported that he had been appointed by the congregation of Rockey River to represent said congregation in this matter & that said congregation, after due notice of Mr Mack's desire, had agreed to unite with him in the request.

On motion the request was granted & the pastoral relation dissolved.

Rev A.D. Crawford was appointed to preach in Rockey River church & declare it vacant, if he may be clear.

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Stated Clerk ordered, &c.

Rev J.B. Mack requested a letter of dismission from Concord Presbytery to connect himself with the Presbytery of Bethel N.C.

On motion the request was granted & the Stated Clerk directed to furnish him with a letter of dismission.

The minutes were read & approved, & on motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church of Mocksville on Friday 7. o'clock P.M. before the 4th Sabbath in April 1876.

Closed with prayer & the Apostolic benediction

(Signed) Jno W Phair
Stated Clerk

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The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at Mocksville & after sermon by the Moderator Rev E. F. Rockwell from Ezk. 43:10. "Thou Son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; & let them measure the pattern." was constituted with prayer.

The roll of ministers & Churches was called.

Present: Ministers

J. F. Johnston.
E. F. Rockwell
T. N. Paxton
A. G. Crawford
B. L. Grall
J. Rumple
W. W. Phan
W. A. Wood
A. E. Chandler
L. McKinnon.
R. B. Anderson
R. W. Boyd
Jas. H. Thornwell.

Churches represented:	Elders.
Back Creek.	Thos. McConnel
Bethany.	Andrew Gray.
Bethesda	E. McNeely
Bethpage & Centre	E. Sherrill
Concord	J. M. Alexander

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Concord Town - M. W. Johnston.
Davidson College - Thos. Sparrow
Franklin - W. A. Thomason
Gibbs Mission - J. S. Hall
Lenoir - W. C. Hamilton
Mocksville - Richd. Sterling.
Morganton - J. C. Mallard
Poplar Tent - D. C. Caldwell
Prospect - J. S. Sealy
Rocky River - R. H. Morrison
Salisbury - D. A. Davis
Statesville - W. F. Hall
Tabor - J. L. Andrews
Taylorsville - E. M. Stimpson
Third Creek - J. D. Johnston
Thyatira - J. K. Graham

Ministers Absent: Jesse Rankin. Saml. Lindsay
G. W. Gibbs. A. L. Lefevre & J. W. Davis.

Churches unrepresented: Prusilla
Marion. Newton. Salem. Shiloh. Siloam.
Bethel.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow
morning at 9 o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

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Saturday morning 9 o'clock,
Presbytery met. & was opened with prayer.
The roll was called & the minutes of

Minutes read. yesterday read & approved.
The Minutes of the last stated meeting & also the minutes of adjourned meetings held at Grassboro & Concord Town. were read,

Mr John Finley ruling Elder from Mills-
boro appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfac-
tory excuse for tardiness,

R. M. McAlpine transferred, Mr R. M. McAlpine licentiate, under the care of this body, was, at his own request, transferred to the care of South Alabama Presbytery.

J. J. Allison to labor outside Bds. Permission was granted J. J. Allison licentiate, to labor without our bounds,

Rev T. G. Thurston of the Bay Association of the Congregational Church California. Rev J. M. Anderson of Bethel Presbytery & Elder Rev W. D. Kennedy of Osceola Presbytery & Rev W. Eccleston of Hanover Presbytery S.C. being present, were invited to sit as
Corresponding members. corresponding members.

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A letter was read from Rev A.L. Hepburn assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of this body,

Rev D.D. Penick was received on certificate from Orange Presbytery, after the usual examination & his name enrolled,
D.D. Penick Rec'd

A certificate of the membership of Rev T.J. Thurston in the Congregational Bay Association of California & dismissing him to this Presbytery was read, & presbytery proceeded to examine him, pending which examination, a committee consisting of Rev Messrs E.F. McKinnon, E.F. Rockwell, N.T. Penick & T.A. Payton was appointed to examine him more fully & report,

A call was read from Prospect Church for the pastoral services of Rev D.D. Penick for one half of his time, at a salary of five hundred dollars & fifty dollars ($550.) per annum, payable annually; and also a call from the Mocksville Church for the pastoral services of the same, promising him a salary of four hundred dollars per annum for one half his time payable in semi-annual instalments, which were placed in his hands, and accepted by him. Whereupon Jos. S. Gray
D.D. Penick called to Prospect & Mocksville

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ruling elder was appointed to suggest arrangements for his installation over said Churches,

A communication was read from Rev W.H. Banks A.M. of Davidson College, touching the interests of said Institution, which was referred to a committee consisting of Rev Messrs N.B. Anderson, W.A. Wood & M.A. Davis ruling elder,
Rev W.H. Banks A.M. D.D. paper,

The Moderator announced the following committees:-

1. An Institution to revise Records & nominate a new Committee, N.B. Anderson & E.F. Rockwell,
2. Bills & Overtures:- Rev E.F. Rockwell, Rev Wm Shaw & Thos. McConnel ruling elder,
3. Judicial Committee- Rev Messrs T.A. Payton, E.E. Beall & E.E. H. McKinnon,
4. Minutes of Synod: Rev Messrs W.A. Wood, H.W. Boyd & W.E. T. W. Spencer,
5. Narration to the Gen. Assembly- Rev Messrs Geo. McKinnon pas. & E. Thurston & W.E. J.H. Graham,
6. Systematic Benevolence- Rev Messrs D.D. Johnston, A.E. Chandler & W.E. E. Thurston

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7. Evangelistic Work - Rev Messrs A.L. Crawford, R.T. Bernard & ruling elder E.M. Stevenson

8. Finance - Ruling elders - H.C. Hamilton & J.S. Hall.

9. Devotional Exercises - Rev A.L. Crawford & ruling elder Richd Sterling.

10. On Sab. Schools - Rev R.W. Boyd & Rev J.B. Alexander ruling elder.

Cons. by Mod.

Sessional Records:

Bachelors Rest, Bethel, Bethesda, Bethphage, Centre, Concord, & Bethany - Rev T.D. Johnston & ruling elders E.M. Sherrill & J.M. Alexander.

Concord Town, Davidson Colly, Ebenezer, Fifth Creek, Franklin, Gibbs Mission & Jefferson - Rev D.P. Paxton & ruling elders M.M. Johnston & W.A. Thomason.

Lemon, Mocksville, Marion, Morgantown, Wilkesboro & Zion - Rev A.L. Crawford & ruling elders J.C. Mallard & H.S. Caldwell.

Newton, Poplar Tent, Prospect, Rocky River, Salem, Salisbury & Shiloh - Rev W.A. Wood & ruling elders J.S. Beaty & W.A. Hall.

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Siloam, Statesville, Tabor, Taylorsville, Third Creek, Thyatira & Unity - Rev J.H. Thornwell & ruling elders J.A. Johnston & J.K. Graham.

J. W. Howe rec'd as Candidate

Mr John Dallas Howe, a member of Davidson Church was introduced to Presbytery in order to be taken under its care as a candidate for the Gospel ministry, and was received, after a satisfactory examination on experimental religion & his motives for entering the ministry.

W.P. Burke ruling elder from Fifth Creek & Rev J.B. Alexander ruling elder from Bethel appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Rev J.M. Anderson rec'd

Satisfactory testimony being adduced that a certificate of dismissal of Rev J.M. Anderson from the Presbytery of Bethel &c. had been officially issued; although not presented to this body, he was, after the usual examination, received as a member of this Presbytery & his name enrolled.

Rev L.T. Glasgow rec'd

Satisfactory information having been given that Rev L.T. Glasgow had also been dismissed from South Carolina Presbytery & connect himself with this Presbytery, although his certificate was not presented.

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The exs. after the usual examination received & his name enrolled.

The examination of John D. Rowe candidate on his literary course, was referred to the appropriate presbyterial committee.

Rev A. E. Crawford from the committee to organize a church at Mocksville, reported that they organized a church at that place on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in Nov. 1875, consisting of 21 members - one ruling elder & two deacons. The Session adjourned to meet at Mocksville Church, which report was received & approved.

Mocksville Church organized, report.

Mr William R. McClelland member of Concord Church, was introduced to Presbytery, with a view of being taken under its care as a candidate for the Gospel ministry, and after a satisfactory examination on experimental religion & his motives for entering the ministry, was received as a candidate.

Wm. McClelland candidate rec'd.

Rev Messrs E. F. Rockwell & Wm. P. Harris were appointed to assign to Mr McClelland subjects for trial pieces.

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The examination of Mr W. R. McClelland on Literature was referred to the appropriate Presbyterial committee.

Presbytery then took recess until 2 o'clk P.M.

After recess,

Presbytery met,

Rev R. W. Boyd & ruling elder J. M. Alexander were appointed to prepare a report on Sabbath Schools, to the Genl. Assembly.

Com. on Sab. Schools

The committee appointed to close the business of Colportage, made the following report which was received & approved, & the committee continued until the business is finally adjusted:-

Colportage Com. report.

By a reference to the last report presented by the former Chairman of the Colportage Committee; Rev J. S. Mack, it will appear that, the assets on hands at the time of the appointment of the present Committee, were as follows:

Cash on hand	$12.6.63
Credits due the Committee,	89.97.
Books on hand about	200.00
Horse & Wagon valued at	70.00
Total Total Estimate of Property	491.62

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Since that time your Committee have made the following payments as directed by Presbytery;

Jan 15th 1876 - Deposited with Sec & Treas in trust for Presbytery — $250.00
" " paid Mr J.H.T. Sluyter balance due him for books — 1.50
Dec. 10th 1875 - " Z.B. Hamilton for Mrs Wilson's House — 50.00
March 9th 1876 - " Dr McIlwaine for Soochow Building — 50.00
" Rev T.P. Johnston for services as Col porteur 32.10
Discounts allowed on books sold — 6.45
Books & Tracts distributed — 5.67
Repairs on Wagon — 3.75
382.37

Debts still due (thought to be good) 24.65
Books still on hand about 60.00
Cash on hand — 7.60
474.62

Com. { Jas McKinnon
M.L. Gillon

Col portage Com. report.

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A certificate of deposit for $250.00, the amount accruing from the sale of Books by Presbytery's Col portuer, was ordered to be placed in the hands of our Treasurer, for safe keeping.

Certificate of deposit.

The Statistical reports & the narratives from the churches were read & the latter placed in the hands of the Committee to prepare a narrative to the Synod, Assembly.

The Special committee appointed to examine Rev T. P. Thurston, reported, recommending that his examination be sustained, & that he be received as a member of this body, which report was received & adopted.

Rev T. P. Thurston rec'd

Leave of absence was granted to Rev J. H. Glasgow & Dr J. B. McLaurin, after to day's sessions.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Treasurers accounts made the following report, which was rec'd and approved;

Finance Com. report.

The Committee report that they have compared the charges made by the Treasurer to the several Funds in his hands with the vouchers covering the same, & find them to correspond & to be

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correct, That there was in his hands on the 18th of April 1876, & credited to the

Institution Fund — $ 51.38
For Missions — 59.80
Education — 180.35
Publication nothing,
Commissioners Fund. — 22.05
Invalid Fund — 41.97
Evangelist Fund — 1.00

Respectfully submitted.
Com. { W. C. Hamilton
J. S. Wall

The Stated Clerk reported the following which was rec'd & approved;

Provisional Trustees. elected.

Being officially informed by the Clerk of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, that the Presbytery of Georgia have accepted our invitation to co-operate with us in the management & patronage of Davidson College, & have accepted all the Trustees allotted them; and being also requested by said Committee, to strike from our provisional roll, all Trustees, Dan'l Clerks has in accordance with this request, & in obedience to your direction found on P. P. 78479 of the present Volume of Records; stricken from the roll all

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the provisional Trustees, leaving only the seven permanent ones.

Com. & Genl. Assy.

Rev Jas. C. Kinnon, with Rev. W. C. Hall as his alternate; & Prof. J. R. Blake, with Col. J. C. Barnhardt as his alternate, were elected Commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly to meet at Savannah Ga.

Place & time of next meeting.

Gibb's Mission Church was chosen as the place, & Wednesday 30th of August next 7 o'clock P. M. as the time for the next stated meeting of this Presbytery.

Ex. Com. report.

The Special Committee to examine candidates reported, That they had examined Mr. J. M. Howe on Latin, Greek, Mathematics, & Natural Philosophy; and Mr. M. R. McLelland on Latin & Greek, & recommended that these Examinations be sustained as Satisfactory parts of trial, which report was received & adopted.

It was made the order of the day, on Monday morning 10 o'clock to hear the report of the Institution; & the first order of the day on Monday after noon, to hear the report of the Com. of Education.

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The committee appointed to purchase a house for Mrs E.B. Wilson, presented a report which was received & referred to a committee consisting of J.T. Wall & J.M. Alexander, ruling elders.

N. College ministry report.

Ministerial members were called upon to answer whether they had presented the cause of Davidson College to their Churches,

Com. to re-assess Chs.

The Committee appointed to re-assess the Churches, was continued, with instructions to report at the next stated meeting of the body,

Committees appointed to report in part, on Sessional Records, which report was adopted, & the exceptions entered of the books respectively to which they were taken,

Taylorsville Employ Rev T.S. Thurston

Permission was granted to Taylorsville Church to employ Rev T.S. Thurston as stated supply for one half of his time, for one year at a salary of two hundred dollars per annum payable in quarterly installments,

It was made the first order of the day on Monday morning to examine Messrs J.A. Brumsey & W.R.M. Telland on Theology,

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Presbytery adjourned to meet on Monday morning 8½ o'clock
Closed with prayer.

Monday Morning, April 24th
8½ o'clock A.M.

The Presbytery met, & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called, & the Minutes of Saturday read & approved.

The first order of the day was suspended to hear the report of the Committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev R.D. Pennick at Prospect and Mocksville Churches.

The Committee presented the following, which was accepted & approved:

Coms. to install Rev R.D. Pennick at Prospect Mocksville.

The Committee recommend that the installation of Rev R.D. Pennick take place at Prospect church on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath of May next, & that Rev W.A. Wood preach the sermon, preside & propose the constitutional questions - that Rev J. Rumple charge the pastor & people - that Rev Geo. Kinnain be alternate & Rev W.A. Wood & that Rev A.D.L. Hepburn be alternate to Rev J. Rumple.

The Committee further recommend that the installation of Rev R.D. Pennick over Mocksville Church take place at said place

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on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath of May next— that Rev E. F. Rockwell preach, preside & propose the constitutional questions— that Rev A. H. Hepburn charge the pastor & that Rev Rev J. D. Thornwell charge the people.— that Rev R. B. Anderson be alternate to Rev E. F. Rockwell & that Rev A. H. Hepburn & Rev J. D. Thornwell be alternates to each other.

A. S. Leaky, Chn.

The first order of the day was taken up, viz; the examination of Messrs J. A. Ramsay and W. R. McClelland on Theology, which examination was sustained as satisfactory part of trial.

Leave of absence, after this morning's session was granted to Messrs. A. Davis, E. M. Simonson & J. S. Leaky ruling elders, & to R. H. Morrison ruling elder, after 3. o'clock this afternoon.

The second order of the day was taken up, when the Report of the Enstitution Committee was read, received & referred, together with the Records of the same, to the Special Committee appointed to consider them.

Leave of absence

Enst. Com. report.

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Rev Thoms. A. Boone of N. C. Conference & Rev W. R. Gaultney of the Baptist Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

corresponding members

It was made the order of the day at 11. o'clock, to hear the trial sermon of Mr J. A. Ramsay candidate.

Presbytery took recess for five minutes.
After recess.

J. A. Ramsay trial sermon.

Presbytery met & heard the trial sermon of Mr J. A. Ramsay from John 6: 44.

The committee appointed to assign subjects for trial pieces to W. R. McClelland candidate, reported the following which was adopted:

W. R. McClelland's trial pieces.

1. Popular Sermon — Rom. 3: 20.
2. Lecture — Luke 18: 1-8.
3. Critical Exercise — Rom. 11: 1-6
4. Latin Exegesis — "An Spiritus Sanctus sit persona."

The committee further recommend that the trial pieces assigned to Mr W. R. McClelland on pages 182 of present Vol. of Records, be expunged as irregularly, in that they were assigned to him before he was received as a candidate under the care of this Presbytery; respectfully

Com { Rev D. Thomas
E. F. Rockwell

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The committee appointed to examine Wm R. McClelland on Philosophy, Natural, Moral & Mental reported that they had performed this duty & recommend that the examination be sustained. The report was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee to provide a House for Mrs E.B. Wilson, presented the following:-

We have examined the Report & accounts of the Committee to purchase a House & Lot for Mrs E.B. Wilson, and find the receipts of money for the purpose as stated in the reports to be as follows:

Report of Com. to provide house for Mrs Wilson

From Church collections	$272.80
" Colportage Fund	100.00
" Invalid Fund	50.00
" Individual contributions in the town of Lenoir	105.00
Interest accrued on the Fund	34.88.
" Individual contributions at large	144.00
total	707.68.

Disbursements:

Amt. paid for Lot & Building as exhibited by deeds	$680.00
Amount paid for expenses, postage, Printing, legal fees &c.	9.72
Amount paid Mrs Wilson	17.93
Total	707.68

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Your committee would commend to Presbytery the very efficient action of the Committee & recommend that said Committee be discharged.

Com { J.C. Wall
J. McClelland

It was made the order of the day at 4 o'clock P.M. to day to hear reports on Sessional Records.

It was made the 3d order of the day to hear examine Candidates Messrs W. McClelland & J.N. Ramsay on Church History, Church Government & the Sacraments.

Presbytery then took recess until 7 o'clock P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met & was called to order. A Committee consisting of Rev Messrs D.L. Grall, McClelland, Rumple & ruling elder D.H. Sparrow was appointed to reconstruct the Committee of Education.

Rev J. Rumple resigned.

Rev J. Rumple tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee of Education, which was accepted.

Leave of absence was granted ruling elders A. Gray, J. Tinsley, J.M. Alexander, E.M. Shuford, Thos. McConnell, J.L. Andrews & Rev A.E. Chandler.

Leave of absence.

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The Exegesis & critical Exercise of W. R. McLelland were assigned, for examination, to a committee consisting of Revs Messrs P. D. Penick, J. M. Anderson & ruling elder D. W. Spanow; & those of J. A. Ramsay to a committee consisting of Rev J. H. Thornwell & H. D. Burke.

The examination of Messrs W. R. McLelland & J. A. Ramsay on Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, & the Sacraments was sustained.

Com. of Education.

The Committee appointed to reconstruct the Committee of Education, reported, recommending that said committee consist of Rev Messrs P. D. Penick, Rev W. S. Lacy & Prof. J. R. Blake, which was adopted.

Presbytery heard & sustained, as parts of trial, the Popular Lectures of Messrs W. R. McLelland & J. A. Ramsay.

The committees on Sessional Records made reports which were adopted & ordered to be noted on the books of Records respectively.

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The committee appointed to examine the Report & Records of the Sustentation Committee, presented a report which was received & recommitted to the Committee.

Com. on Narrative report.

The committee of the Narrative presented a report which was received, approved & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly. (see Appendix)

N. C. Com. report

The committee to which certain papers from the Pres. of Davidson College were referred, reported that they find nothing therein calling for the action of Presbytery.

Coms. report

The Committee on Bills & Overtures & the the Judicial Committee, reported that no business had come into their hands & asked to be discharged; their reports were received their request granted.

W. R. McLelland trial Sermon

It was made the order of Presbytery to hear the trial Sermon of W. R. McLelland to night at 7½ o'clock.

The committee on the Minutes of Synod presented a report, which was received pending the consideration of which, the Presbytery took recess until 7½ o'clock P.M.

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After recess. ✓ ✓

Presbytery met & heard the trial Sermon of Wm R. McClelland from Rom. 3:20.

Trial Sermon of W. McClelland.

After which the consideration of the Report of the committee on the Minutes of Synod was resumed; & said report amended & adopted & is as follows:-

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of Synod, would report that they have performed this duty & recommend;

Com. on Minutes of Synod report, & recommendations.

1. That in obedience to its instructions, each minister & session be called upon during the conference on Foreign Missions at our Fall Sessions, to report what efforts they have made, & what success they have had in raising funds for this cause during the year.

2. Touching Sanpician Education page 22, Resolution 1.

Sem. Education.

We recommend the following be adopted;

Whereas - This Presbytery did at its last spring Session adopt in the main the course suggested by Synod in resolution 1st & sent a memorial to the Genl. Assembly containing substantially the same views; Resolved. That we deem it necessary only to reaffirm its position on this subject,

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Treasurer ordered.

3. That our Treasurer be directed to pay to Jesse W. Lindsay Treasurer of Synod, the sum of $75: this being the amount due Synod from this Presbytery.

com { R.B. Anderson
W.A. Wood

Rules of order adopted.

On motion, it was resolved that Presbytery adopt the Rules of Order recommended by the General Assembly & formally adopted by Synod.

Presbytery adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Tuesday morning 9 o'clock
April 25th 1876.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called, & the Minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Rev E. F. Rockwell was added to the committee to examine the trial pieces of J. A. Ramsay candidate.

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Com. on Sab. Schools report.

The committee on Sabbath Schools presented a report, which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly. (see Appendix)

Com. on Statistics report.

The committee to whom the Statistics from the Churches were referred, made a report on the same, which was approved & the exceptions noted on the Statistics respectively, & returned to the Clerks of Sessions.

Com. on Sab. Schools report.

The committee appointed to examine the Latin Exegesis & Critical exercises of Wm R. McLelland, and J. A. Ramsay reported recommending that they be approved as satisfactory parts of trial,

Com. on Sys. Benevolence report.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence presented a report, which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly. (see Appendix)

On motion all the parts of trial of Messrs Wm R. McLelland & J. A. Ramsay were approved as satisfactory, and 11 o'clock A.M. of day, was set apart as the time for their licensure to preach the Gospel,

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Adjourned meeting. Statesville.

It was resolved That when this Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Statesville on Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath in June next at 8 o'clock P.M.

J.H.C. resolution

The following was adopted:
Whereas Presbytery has heard with pleasure the communication of Rev. D. D. Sands Agt. of Davidson College:
Resolved That we only deem it necessary to assert our deep & abiding interest in the Institution he represents; and to commend most heartily to our churches & people the endowment scheme he proposes.

J.H. Anderson commission to Labor outside P.B.

Permission was granted Rev J.H. Anderson to labor a part of his time outside of our bounds.

On motion it was resolved that we commend the Bible cause to our churches.

The committee on the Report & Records of the Institution Committee presented an amended report - pending the consideration of which, the order of the day was taken up by the licensing of Messrs Wm R. McLelland & J. A. Ramsay.

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Lic. of W. R. McClelland & Jas. A. Ramsay

J. A. Ramsay

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The Moderator did then in behalf of the Presbytery proceed to license Messrs Wm R. McClelland & Jas. A. Ramsay in accordance with the form prescribed in the Book of Government Chap. 14 – sections VII. VIII.

Report of Com. on Institution

The committee to whom the report & records of the Institution committee was referred made a report which was accepted & adopted & is as follows:

The committee recommend: that

1st That the friends of the Institution Committee be appointed as per as written.

2nd That the same Committee be reappointed to serve another year

3d That the following resolutions recommended by the committee be adopted:

Ministers ordered to preach on Ministerial support

1. Resolved That the churches be urged to contribute liberally to the causes of Institution & Evangelistic work, in order that we may be able to extend our labors into the destitute portions of our territory.

2. That all our ministers be directed to preach on the subject of ministerial support, being a part of the counsel of God, which they should not shun to declare.

And that the roll be called at next meeting of Presbytery & each minister be asked whether he has complied with this injunction, & if not to show good reason for the failure – and that the Stated Clerks be directed to publish them in the N. C. Presbyterian – & that Pastors & Stated supplies be directed to read them to their people from the pulpit.

Minds. to report.

$1000. for Inst.

4th Resolved That in order to raise $1000. for Institution, for the purpose of sustaining the gospel in public churches & destitute fields, we instruct our Inst. Committee to indicate to each Church Session the proportional part thereof of the Church represented by them; and that each Session be left to its own wisdom & discretion to devise ways & means for securing its part of said amount.

Com. { W. D. Anderson, E. F. Rockwell, M. W. Johnston, & H. C. Hamilton.

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Wm. Clk ordered.

The following resolution was adopted.
Resolved That the Stated Clerk be directed to have published in the N. C. Presbyterian such parts of the report of the Committee of Institution as in his judgment may be for the edification of our people; & that Pastors & Stated supplies be directed to read the same in their various Churches.

The following paper was adopted:
1. Resolved That this Presbytery do solemnly enjoin on the churches that have received the services of the Evangelist, & have not paid their equitable part of his salary, to pay the same according to the amounts they have usually paid for Stated preaching, & that this duty be performed within one month — & if not performed within one month, the matter be referred to the Sus. Committee, to devise ways & means to collect the same.

Evangelist orders Sus. Com.

2. Resolved That this whole matter be referred to the Institution Committee.

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The Institution Committee made the following report on supplies recommending:
1st That our licentiate J. A. Ramsay and Wm R. McLelland be directed to labor during the Summer among our vacant churches.

2nd That Rev Wm W. Phares be directed to preach at Thyatira one Sabbath & administer the Sacrament of the Lords supper.

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3d That Rev R. W. Boyd preach one Sabbath at Back Creek & administer the Sacrament of the Lords supper, & that licentiate Wm R. McLelland preach one Sabbath in his field.

4th That Rev W. A. Wood preach one Sabbath at Concord & administer the Sacrament of the Lords supper, & that licentiate Wm R. McLelland preach one Sabbath in his church at Statesville.

5th That J. A. Ramsay licentiate, be directed to preach one Sabbath at Concord Town during the absence of the pastor at the Genl. Assembly; & that Rev J. H. Thornwell preach at the same Church one Sabbath night during the pastors absence.

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J.H.T. directed, Mts,

Rev J. H. Thornhill was directed to spend six months during the summer in missionary work, in our mountain county, if he can make a satisfactory arrangement with his church to do so.

vote of thanks

The usual vote of thanks was tendered to the citizens of Mocksville, for their kindness & hospitality to the members of this body, to the different denominations for the use of their churches & the R. R. companies for reduced fare.

Com. on Ev. work reports,

The committee on Evangelistic work presented a report which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl Assembly, (see Appendix).

Ed. Com. instructed,

The Committee of Education was instructed, to prepare & present, to this body, at its adjourned meeting to be held in Statesville, some plan for conducting the operations of said Committee,

The minutes of today were read & approved,

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in Statesville on Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath in June next, at 8. o'clock P.M.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction,

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk

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Appendix No 1.

Narrative.

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submit to the Genl. Assembly the following Narrative on the State of religion in our bounds:

1. Our ministerial force has been increased during the past year from 20 to 23.
The average salary paid our ministers has been increased also, during the same period from $700. to $800. And assessments have been made to supply temporarily, all our 33 Churches with the regular ministration of the word. a fact we have been unable to report for Several years.

2. We have discontinued for the present, our Evangelistic & Colportage work. The work of the former being now done by our regular supplies & that of the latter interest having been in a measure completed before it was discontinued.

3. The reports from our churches show that a commendable degree of attention is given to Sabbath Schools & prayer meetings. About 25 of our churches have Sabbath Schools & about 27 have regular prayer meetings

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Upon the whole, we would report to the Genl. Assembly, that while some of our Churches report any general awakening, yet most of them report a steady growth & are believed to be in a healthful condition. Some advancement has been made in ministerial support, yet on the whole subject of Christian benevolence in all its departments, we frankly admit that our Churches fall far below the measure of duty & privilege.

We hope for better things & will continue to pray for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit that our people in heart & life & estate may be consecrated to the glory of our adorable Head.

Com. { T. McKinnon
J. W. Thomas

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Appendix No 2.

Evangelistic Work.

Concord Presbytery would report to the Genl. Assembly that during the past year an Evangelist has been in the field about nine months - that his labors were blessed more or less in all the nine Churches & which he partially ministered - 41 additions being made to the memberships of nine Churches -

The Farmington congregation erected a neat & elegant Church edifice which was dedicated to God in Oct. last.

The Mocksville Church has been greatly revived & its membership largely increased.

Ch { A. F. Crawford

No 3. Report of Concord Presbytery to the Gen. Assembly, on Sabbath Schools.

Churches	No on Roll		Average attendance		Increase.	of	Decrease
Presb. Church	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers
Back Creek	5	50	5	50			
Bethany	4	30	4	25			
Bethpage	6	65	4	50		5	
Concord Town	16	100	12	77		9	
Davidson Coll.	8	53	9	49.		10	
Franklin	4	55	3	40			
Goshen	11	48	6	33.			
Lenoir	14	63	13	45	1		
Mocksville	8	40	6	40			
Morganton	10	60	9	50	1	10	
Newton	6	30	5	25			
Poplar Tent	12	114	8	60			2
Prospect	8	65	6	50			
Rocky River	17	175	10	80			
Salisbury	14	65	16	60			
Statesville	14	105	12	70	1		
Taylorsville	7	50	6	40	1		
Third Creek	10	75	8	60			
Thyatira	6	60	5	50	1	10	
Unity	8	50	6	35			
Williamsboro	1	28	1	25			
	197	1466	115	1049	5	43	2

Of our 34 churches 23 report no reports have been made. Thus Catechisms are taught in nine (9) series. With a few exceptions no

Increase Scholars	No. admitted on Profession Teachers	Scholars	Aux. contributed. From Sch'ls	For Missions
		1		
		8	$3.	
		14.	40.	
		1.		$81. 22
		6		
		1	14.53.	
		4		38.85
	2	5	12.03	
		3	1.75	8.50.
			4.50	
27		1	10.00	25.00
		7	8.00	
		7	18.50	
		5	50.00	12.30
15		4	17.12	18.65
		1	8.1	41.86.
		1	7.50	
			57.50.	
42	2	68	$193.43.	$157.42.

Schools as exhibited above. From the remaining 12 schools the most part. Special is reported.

Schools are under the control of Sessions, and are
A few have adopted the International

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No 4.
Systematic Benevolence.

The report of Concord Presbytery to the Genl. Assembly for the year ending April 1876.

Objects	No. contributing Chs.	Amounts.
Sustentation	22	$ 361.64.
Evangelistic	18	561.20.
Invalid Fund	13	193.41.
For. Missions	25	1404.85
Education	17	340.15
Publication	16	136.19.
Presbyterial	19	313.70.
Pastors Salaries paid	23	9933.14
Congregational	21	5761.13
Miscellaneous	18	638.68.
Total		19544.10.

Remarks: 11 congregations have contributed to all the six objects of benevolence ordered by the Genl. Assembly; 5 have contributed to 4 of them; 3 have contributed to 3 of them; 2 have contributed to 2 of them; 2 to one of them; 7 have contributed to none of them so far as heard from.

Wm. M. Shem,
Stated Clk.

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No. 5.

Statistical Report of Leonard Presbytery to the

The Presbytery reports to the Genl. Assembly that 5 Licentiates & 6. Candidates:—

Genl. Assembly to meet at Savannah Ga. May 1876,

it comprises 23 ministers — 4 have under its care 3 5-64,8,

Ministers & Candidates.	Post Offices	Churches.	Members	Members	Baptisms	Baptisms	Total of Communicants	Adult Baptisms	Salaries Raised	No. Baptisms non-communicants	Ministers in Presbytery	Licentiates	Evangelists	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Sustentation	Contributions Raised	Contributions	Miscellaneous
Jesse Franklin	Ref. Lenoir N.C.																			
Asst. Supply Salt.																				
T. R. Johnston Col.	Morganton. "																			
E. F. Rockwell S.S.	Cool Spring "	Fishtail Ch.	6	5	1	1	124	1	6	58	42	2.	2.	3.	11.	1.	2.	.	-	-	-
	Bethany Ch.	Bethany	5	.	2	3	104	11	15	-	30	4.	-	-	26.	3	4	7	110	100	35
T. N. Paxton P.	Marion "	Marion P.	2	3	1	-	38	.	2	25	-	9	4	6	10.	6.	5	6	215	11	9.
	Marion S.S.	Siloam S.S.	2	2	5	3	46	-	-	34	-	3.	3	3	8	-	-	5	40	-	6.
J. M. Gibbs S.S.	Hickory Station	Gibbs Mission	2	2	-	2	36	.	1	14	48	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	250	-	1 45.
	Rock Cut "	Shiloh "					42														
	Bethany Ch. "	Bethany Ch. "					31														
B. L. Liall S.S.	Lenoir	Jefferson					2.														
A. L. Crawford	S.S. Mocksville.	Mocksville S.S.	2	3	17	3	44	3	6	28	40	-	92	-	8	-	9	7.	.	335	..
	Salisbury "	Franklin P.	3	5	13	2	128	3	5	69	55	-	46	-	-	-	-	3.	.	160	7. 59
J. M. Anderson	Wilkesboro "	Wilkesboro S.S.	3	-	4	6	26	2	7	19	26	15	3	3	13	3	2	5	192	-	10.
T. P. Penick	Moorsville	Moorsville S.S.	1	2	2	10	32	.	-	25	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-
	Moorsville "	Prospect S.S.			21	6	330	2	23		75	5			1				200	16	39.
A. E. Chandler	Statesville N.C.	Bethesda P.	3	3	1	1	40	1	5	-	31	3	-	-	5	-	-	15	2.	10.	-
T. G. Thurston S.	Taylorsville "	Taylorsville P.	3	2	-	-	66	-	.	25	40	12	-	-	39	10	-	7.	175	85	-
J. Turrentine P.	Salisbury "	Salisbury P.	7	7	6	8	156	1	9	75	75	75	43	45	256	656	25	45	927	695	163.
Wm. M. Shannon	Mt. Mourne "	Bethphage	7	6	9	3	148	.	9	-	65	15	10	5	15	8	2	-	300	115	..
	" "	Centre P.	7	4	4	.	117	.	7	146	40	23	.	.	29	9	.	20	550	4	.

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Ministers & Candidates	Post Offices	Churches.	Elders	Ministers	Additions on Exam.	Additions on Certificate	Total Comm.	Sabbath Schools	No. Baptisms	No. Communicants	Families Visited	Colporteurs in Sab. School	Amount Expended	Families.	Education	Publication	Missionary	Pastors Salary paid	Contingencies	Miscellaneous
A. D. Hepburn D.D.	Davidson College	Davidson College	3	-	1	2	35	1	4	-	53	40	40	35	223	20	20	13	300	21	44
W. A. Wood P.	Statesville	Statesville P.			6	14	181	-	11		135	18	20.		217	48	-		751	97	55
Le. H. Glasgow	D. Davidson College	Bethel					19.														
Le. McK. Rumple	D. Concord "	Concord Town	6	5	17	14	170	2	9	-	110	20	60	10	38	27	12	35	1200	1576	-
H. B. Anderson	Pr. Morganton	Morganton P.	2	-	8	3	92	-	8	90	60	20	30	15	31.	17.	15	18.	400	146	-
"	Newton "	Newton Sab.	4	2	2	1	33	.	1	17	30.	5	3.	4	10	10.	10.	5	190	17.	41.
H. W. Boyd P.	Statesville	Fleidbenton	7	4	1	3	115		10		60	21	20	4	2	26.	.		350	14.	260.
" "	Wood Leaf "	Unity	5	2	4	1	110	3	3		50	15.	12	37	32	7	3	11	300	28	12.
Jas. H. Thornwell	D. Concord "	Poplar Tent P.	4	4	2	1	149		17	52	114	15.	15.		20			20	820	28	39.
J. W. Davis Sab.	Goshen Chinq	Thyatira "	4	4	3	0	124	8			100	.	91.		5				100	24	20
H. M. Tuttle 2	Stations,	Lenoir Sab.	4	3	6	4	75	1	1	42	63	17			103.	3	1	22	500	80	-
	Harrisburg "	Rocky River "	10	8	9	6	384		22	212	175	16	48	19	236	6	19		1350	186	257
	Rowan Mills "	Back Creek "			2	1	85		1		30				5				252	12	
	Fancy Hill	Concord "	11	5	7	2	20	1	4		74.	8	105		20		2				4
	Morganton	Hermitage					12														
	Zion						54														
Licentiates 5.																					
J. C. Rennick	Mt. Mourne "																				
P. B. Winn	Lenoir "																				
J. J. Allison	Columbia S.C.																				
Jas. A. Ramsay	Salisbury N.C.																				
Wm. McK. Falland	Statesville "																				
Candidates 6.																					

Mayr. Pharr, Std. Clerk

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Adjourned meeting.

Presbytery met in Statesville according to adjournment, May 30th 1876. 8 o'clock P.M. and was opened with prayer by Rev J. Rumple.

The roll was called & the following ministers & ruling elders were present:-
Ministers - E. F. Rockwell, A. L. Crawford, J. Rumple, Wm. Shaw, T. G. Thurston & W. A. Wood.
Ruling Elders: W. A. Wall, Statesville, E. M. Stevenson, Taylorsville, Richd. Sterling - Mocksville, W. C. Hamilton Lenoir, J. L. Andrews Tabor, A. Gray Bethany, J. S. Watt Concord & Thos. McConnel Back Creek.

Presbytery then took a recess until afternoon.

Afternoon.

Presbytery met.

R. M. Tuttle dismissed

Rev R. M. Tuttle was dismissed, at his own written request, to connect himself with the Paducah Presbytery Ky.

I. D. Renick installed pastor Prospect

The committee appointed to install the Rev I. D. Renick pastor of Prospect church reported that they had attended to that duty on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath of May 1876.

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D.D. Junior installed pastor Moorsville

Also the Committee appointed to install the same pastor of the Moorsville Church reported that they had attended to that duty & installed the same on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath of May 1876, which reports were rec'd & the committees discharged.

Report Sus. Com.

Rev J. Rumple from the Sustentation Committee made the following report which was accepted & adopted:-

The Committee of Sustentation would respectfully report that they have attended to the duties assigned them:

1, ST In distributing the sum of $1000. proposed to be raised for Sustentation, among the several churches, they considered first the pro. capita assessment of 30 Cts per number mentioned in the debate, & concluded that in many cases it would fall too lightly, as on our richer churches with small membership, & in other cases too heavily, as upon our poorer churches with large memberships. They next considered the salary basis & found the 8 per cent on salaries would realize about $1100. This also was liable to some objections. Final a kind of medium plan was adopted which the Committee thought to be Equitable. The chairman of the Committee has notified the several churches of the sums

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Sus. Com report.

sums they will be expected to pay, The churches of Prospect & Moorsville, Mocksville, Third Creek & Unity, Lenoir, Salisbury, Centre & Bethphage have intimated their resolution to raise the sums apportioned them.

The Treasurer's Books show $108.25, in cash now in the Treasury, & $50. in an emergency, paid to Rev J. M. Anderson by order of the Chairman, to be counted into this appropriation for this year.

The Committee indulge the hope that the greater part of the sum specified will be raised.

From the reports already sent in, & from a reasonable expectation of the compliance of other Churches, it appears that the sum of six or seven hundred dollars is assured.

The Chairman of the Committee therefore recommends the following appropriations, viz:

Appropriations

To Rev J. M. Anderson - $200.
" Rev R.B. Mimm - 250
" Rev. Sam'l. Gibbs - 150
To aid in finishing Zion Church - 50.
In all $650.

Further distribution of funds to be left to the discretion of the Sustentation Committee.

2nd Evangelist's Salary.

In regard to the Evangelist's salary, the committee report:-

1. That he labored 13 months at $100 per month, making $1300.

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2. The amounts paid by churches not served by him $5-33.00
3d Amounts to be paid by churches served by him $767.00

Sus. Com. rep't Evangelist work.

The Evangelist held 166 services during the year- deviding the $767. to be paid by the churches served by 166 it will appear that each service will amount to $4.70 nearly. Using this as a basis of calculation, & finding out how much each church had paid, & how much each was still due upon that basis, the chairman notified the churches of the amount, asking them to send it into the Treasu, or to pay the sum to the Evangelist, and inform the Treasurer of it.

The accounts of the Treasurer do not show any receipts whatsoever since the meeting of the Presbytery.

Nor has any information been received by the chairman, except from one church, that complains of the injustice of the basis of distribution, but does not promise to pay the average.

J. D. Rumple (Ch'n)

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P. P. Winn accepts call.

Mr P. P. Winn licentiate, signified by letter his readiness to accept the call placed in his hand from Lenoir church. Whereupon Mr D. C. Hamilton & Rev A. F. Crawford were appointed to suggest arrangements for his ordination & installation.

Report reported

The committee to re-assess the churches for the Commissioners Fund, made a report which was referred for consideration to the Fall meeting of this Presbytery.

Treasurer ordered collect dues

The Treasurer was ordered to notify the delinquent churches which have failed to pay their assessment to the Commissioners Fund, & collect the dues, & the Stated Clerk directed to inform the Treasurer of this order.

Resolutions Jefferson

The following was adopted:
Inasmuch as there are no longer any Officers in the Church of Jefferson to dismiss members from said church, to others: this Presbytery authorizes any Church and our bounds to receive any member of said Church into its communion upon satisfactory evidence that said person is in good & regular standing in the Church of Jefferson.

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The committee to arrange for the ordination & installation of Rev Meinn, submitted the following, which was adopted:

leave to install P.P. Meinn

The committee recommend that, when this Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Lenoir on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in June 3. o'clock P.M. to ordain & install Rev P.P. Meinn, if the way be clear.

That Rev W. A. Wood preside, preach the ordination sermon & propose the constitutional questions - that Rev J. M. Anderson charge the pastor - that Rev R. B. Anderson charge the people. - & that Rev W. W. Shaw be alternate to Rev W. A. Wood - that Rev B. L. Beall be alternate to Rev R. B. Anderson & that Rev T. S. Thurston be alternate to Rev J. M. Anderson.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning 10. o'clock

Closed with prayer.

June 1st 1876. 10. o'clock A.M. Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. & the minutes of yesterday read & approved. Rev D. F. Lencx appeared in Presbytery & rendered excuse for tardiness.

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Resolutions of Sympathy J. M. G.

The following was adopted: Resolved That this Presbytery have heard with profound regret of the continued illness of the Rev J. M. Gibbs; & that we hereby tender to him our warmest sympathy in his deep affliction.

Resolved. That Presbytery suspend its ordinary business a short time, while the Moderator lead in Prayer to the Great Head of the church, that if consistent with his wise purposes, he may be speedily restored to his wanted health & accustomed labors in the important field he has so long & so faithfully cultivated.

Resolved. That the Stated Clerk be requested to send a copy of this paper to Rev J. M. Gibbs at Mocksville.

Eby, elder from Bethesda appeared & took his seat,

Supplies

Rev E. F. Rockwell was appointed to preach & administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Tabor church,

Rev T. S. Thurston was directed to preach at Shiloh & administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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Supplies

Revs Messrs B. G. Beall & R. B. Anderson were appointed to preach a Sabbath each at Gibbs Mission.

Dis Com Report touching Evangelist

The Visitation Committee made the following report touching the payment of the Evangelist:-

Salary for 13 months $100. per month -	$1300.
Amts. paid by other churches -	533-
Amts. to be paid by churches served -	767.
No. of Services held by the Evangelist -	166.

Value of each service nearly $4.80.

Churches served.	Value Services.		Amts [illegible]	Amts Paid	Amts still due.
Mocksville	46	$4.70	$216.20	127.45	51.95
Franklin	41	"	192.70	125.25	22.65
Thyatira	19	"	88.30	77.45	11.85
Concord	31	"	145.70	105.95	39.75
Salem	13	"	61.10	13.50	47.60
Back Cruse	4	"	18.80	5.50	13.30
Moorsville	8	"	32.90	16.50	16.40
		Total.		471.65	205.05

Zion 12. " 104.40 paid $44.

Resolved. That in view of the fact that Mocksville & Franklin have been largely pressed & that Zion is a weak church, that the dues be scaled to $10. $22.65 & $25- respectively & that the Chairman, in due time apply to the other churches to aid in paying the arrearages, if not speedily raised.

J. Rumple Chm

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Rev J. M. Wharey rec'd

Rev Jas. M. Wharey was received on certificate from West Hanover Presbytery Va, after examination, & his name enrolled.

Call from R. River ch

A call from Rocky River church for the pastoral services of Rev Jas. M. Wharey - promising him $1200. per annum, payable in semi-annual installments & also the use of a manse. was read & placed in his hands.

His acceptance of said call being signified; Rev A. G. Crawford & ruling elder E. M. Norman were appointed to suggest arrangements for his installation.

Ed. Com Report. Rules &c.

The Committee of Education offered the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee of Education having been instructed by the Presbytery to prepare & present to its adjourned meeting some plan for conducting the operations of said Committee, respectfully report the following:-

I. Before any Candidate for the Ministry, not coming to this Presbytery with a certificate of dismission from another Presbytery, shall be received under our care, the Session of the church to which he belongs, shall send to the Presbytery written answers to the following questions:-

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1st Does the proposed Candidate possess a good reputation in the congregation to which he belongs for piety, good practical sense, prudence & humility?

2nd Are there any physical, or mental infirmities, or any eccentricities of character, or any other defects known to the Session, which in their estimation, will be likely to mar the usefulness of the proposed Candidate as a minister of the gospel.

Ed. Com Report Rules &c

II. A beneficiary, before receiving any aid from the Committee, shall sign a written obligation to refund, as soon as he shall possible be able to do so, all the money furnished him by the Committee, either as a gift or a loan, if he should fail to enter the ministry.

III. In assisting our beneficiaries, preference shall be given to those who are most advanced in their Studies; other things being equal.

IV. A beneficiary who shall have attained the age of sixteen years, may be furnished with means to pursue his Academic course, but only as a loan, without interest; provided, he binds himself by a written obligation to refund the money loaned before he enters upon a Collegiate course of study; & he shall receive no further aid from the Committee

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until said obligation has been fully discharged.

V. A beneficiary who is prepared for the Freshman class in College, may be assisted to an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars, as a gift; & to an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars, as a loan, provided, he binds himself by a written obligation to refund the money loaned, before he enters upon his Theological course of study; & he shall receive no further aid until said obligation has been fully discharged.

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VI. No beneficiary, in his preparation for the ministry shall be entered, supported by the funds of the Church for the consequitive period of one Scholastic year, except under extraordinary circumstances, of which the Presbytery shall be the judge.

VII. It shall be the duty of the beneficiary to keep an accurate itemized account of his expenditures during each year, & furnish a copy of the same to the Committee, a month previous to the Fall meeting of Presbytery;

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Ed. Com reports rules.

VIII. At every Fall Session of Presbytery, the Committee of Education shall embody in their report a general statement of the religious & literary standing of the Candidates; & shall recommend each Candidate, & each beneficiary by name, to be continued as such, or not continued, as the case may be.

IX. A copy of the above rules shall be placed in the hands of each Candidate for the ministry under our care, by the Chairman of the Committee.

Com { R. D. Dennis, Wm. W. Pharr, Prof. J. R. Blake }

J. M. Pharr appointed installment R. Rims

The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev Jas. M. Wharey as pastor of Rocky Ris church reported recommending the following which was adopted, viz:

That the installation take place, if the way be clear, at Rocky Ris church on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath of June 1876. — That Rev D. McKinnon preside, propose the constitutional questions & charge the pastor — that Rev J. H. Thornwell charge the people — & that Rev J. Rumple be alternate to Rev McKinnon & Rev R. D. Dennis be alternate to Rev J. H. Thornwell.

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On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Lenoir on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in June 1876. 8.01 Clock P.M.

Closed with prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk

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June 23d

Lenoir Church N.C.

Adjourned Meeting

The Presbytery of Concord met in Lenoir, June 23d 1876. according to adjournment.

Rev. B. L. Beall, the last moderator present, took the chair & constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was made out, & the following Ministers & ruling elder were present:- Ministers- Jesse Rankin. J.M. Anderson. B. L. Beall. & W. A. Wood and ruling elder D. C. Hamilton from the Lenoir church.

D. C. Hamilton ruling elder was chosen temporary Clerk.

Eph. 3:12 was assigned to W. P. Brim licentiate as the foundation of a trial Sermon,

W.P. Brim Ex.T.

Presbytery then heard his trial Sermon, after which he was examined on experimental religion.

Examin

This examination, together with his trial Sermon were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer

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January 4th

Lenoir Church N.C.

Saturday Morning 9. o. clk.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The Minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

Presbytery then proceeded to Examine Mr Winn on Philosophy, Theology, Ecc, History and Church Government, which Examination being sustained; Presbytery proceeded to ordain him to the full work of the ministry & install him pastor of the Lenoir church, as directed in Chapter 15. of Form of Church Government:

Rev. W. P. Winn ordained & installed.

The name of Rev P. P. Winn was then ordered to be enrolled as a member of Concord Presbytery.

The minutes of today were then read & approved - after which Presbytery adjourned to meet at Gibl. Mission Church on Wednesday 30th of August 1876 at 7 o. clk P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Wm H. Sloan (Stated Clk)

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Gibbs Mission Church, N. Co.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, with the Gibbs Mission Church, and after sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. Rumple from Luke 24:48. was constituted with prayer.

The roll of ministers & Churches was called:-

Present: Ministers.

D. R. Johnston
E. F. Rockwell
T. N. Paxton.
B. G. Neal
A. L. Crawford
D. J. Kennedy
T. G. Thurston
G. W. Gibbs
J. M. Anderson
J. Rumple
W. M. Pharr
N. McNeilly Hepburn D. D.
Lee McKinnon
R. A. Anderson
E. W. Boyd
J. M. Phaney
P. D. Hinson.

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Ruling Elders — Churches
Moses Lingle, — Back Creek
R. C. Golden — Bethesda
J. W. A. Kerr — Centre
M. M. Johnston — Concord Town,
Dr J. M. D. Adams — Fifth Creek
J. A. Pfluttz — Franklin
J. G. Hall — Gibbs Mission
Nath. Johnston — Poplar Tent,
Dr A. J. M. Thomas — Shiloh
G. E. Read — Tabor
N. F. Hall — Thyatira
E. Price — Unity,
M. G. Morrison — Bethany,

Absentees,

Ministers absent without written excuse
Rev J. Franklin. Saml. Lindsay,
A. E. Chandler. L. R. Glasgow
J. W. Davis
Churches unrepresented:-
Amsella. Jefferson, Marion, Morganton,
Prospect. Rocky River, Salem. Siloam.
Taylorsville. Zion.

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Rev R. B. Anderson was chosen
Mod. Moderator & Rev D. L. Beall &
ruling Elder J. G. Hall temporary
Clerks.
An motion Presbytery adjourned
until tomorrow morning 9½
o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

Aug 31st Thursday morning
9½ o'clock.
Presbytery met and was opened with
prayer. The roll was called & the minutes
of yesterday read & approved.
The minutes of the last Stated meeting
and of adjourned meetings were
read.
The examination of Charles W. Robinson
Candidate under the care of this Presbytery
on his literary course, was referred to
a committee consisting of Rev Messrs
A. D. Hepburn D.D. P. D. Vinson and
ruling Elder M. M. Johnston.

Rev J. M. Pinkerton, Rev G. A. Gibbs
& Thomas Brown ruling Elder from
Mocksville appeared in Presbytery
& rendered satisfactory excuse for
tardiness.

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Rev R. G. Johnston & Rev N. H. Bandy of Mecklenburg & Pudding, and J. Zydd of the German Reformed Classis of N. C. & Rev J. C. Easterl of the N. C. Conference being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Rev G. M. Gibbs assigned satisfactory reason for absence from the last Stated meeting.

The members of Presbytery thereto appointed reported, as to fulfilment of appointments as temporary supplies.

Moon, Supt Orphans address &c.

On motion Wm Moore Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum at Asheville was heard in behalf of that Institution, after which a collection was taken up for the benefit of the same amounting $9.31

It was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to hear the report on Foreign Missions.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:-

On Bills & Overtures Rev J. Rumple Rev D. Barkley & Dr J. E. D. Adams

Judicial Committee—A. G. Hepburn & M. Rev Thos. Paxton & G. B. Reid Ruling elder.

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On the Narrative & Synod—Rev Leslie Hannon, Rev R. P. Wynn & M. G. Morrison ruling elder.

Finance—Rev A. G. Crawford, & N. F. Hall & J. G. Hall ruling elders.

Coms. by Mod.

On the Minutes of Synod, Assembly—Rev R. D. Penick, Rev T. G. Thurston & M. W. Johnston ruling elder.

To nominate Trustees of Davidson College—Rev E. F. Rockwell, Rev R. D. Johnston & Moses Lingle ruling elder.

Devotional Exercises—Rev G. M. Gibbs & J. G. Hall ruling elder.

A. B. Gaither ruling elder from Newton church, appeared in Presbytery & assigned satisfactory excuse for tardiness

Place & time of next meeting

Franklin Church was chosen as the place, & Wednesday before the first Sabbath in April 1877, 11 o'clock A. M. as the time, for the next Stated meeting of this body.

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Resolutions as to Ch. visiting ordained preachers &c

On motion, the following was adopted:
Whereas the visible Church, with its Ministry & Ordinances, is an institution of divine appointment, &
Whereas every thing which depreciates or tends to depreciate, in the estimation of the people of God, the importance of the Church with its divinely appointed machinery, is to be deprecated, &-
Whereas the constitution of our Church forbids the licensure of candidates, as probationers for the holy ministry without an approved examination on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments & Church Government, therefore-
Resolved That our Church Sessions be instructed not to invite into their pulpits, any one who has not been ordained to the work of the ministry, or licensed as a probationer for the ministry by some one or other of the Evangelical Churches of Christ.
2. Resolved That our churches are instructed not to engage the services of any minister of the gospel, not a member of this Presbytery without the express permission of this body.

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Rev S. McKinnon's Expenses instructed.

Rev S. McKinnon made a report of his attendance, as commissioner, on the sessions of the late Genl. Assembly at Savannah Ga, which was accepted & the Treasurer of Presbytery instructed to refund to Rev S. McKinnon the amount of his expenses.

Members of Presbytery were called on to report as to their compliance with the requirements of this body to preach on the subject of ministerial support.

J. M. Whaley installed.

The committee appointed to install Rev Jas. M. Whaley pastor of Rocky River Church, reported that they had attended to this duty according to direction on the Saturday before the 1st Sabbath of June 1876. which report was approved.

C. W. Robinson examined,

On motion, Presbytery held a free conversation on the State of religion within our bounds.
The committee appointed to examine Mr. C. W. Robinson on his literary course reported that they had attended to this duty & recommended that his examination be sustained. which was concurred & adopted.

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The same committee having been appointed to suggest trial pieces for C. W. Robinson candidate, presented the following, which was adopted:

Trial pieces for C. W. Robinson

1. Popular Sermon - Rom. 5:10.
2. Lecture - 1st Psalm.
3. Critical Exercise - Eph. 2:1-10.
4. Latin Exercise - Quid docet Paulus de resurrectione mortuorum?

The committee appointed, at last meeting to re-assess the Churches for the Commissioners & Presbyterial Fund offered the following assessment, which adopted:-

Assessment of the Churches

Back Creek -	$12.	paid $6.	
Bethany -	10	"	10.44
Bethel -	10	"	5.14
Bethesda	10	"	10.
Bethphage	15	"	"
Centre	15	"	15.
Davidson College	13	"	"
Concord (Dodd)	20	"	35
Concord Town	40	"	"
Damascus	1	"	"
Fifth Creek	13.	"	17.85
Franklin	14	"	3.
Gibbs Mission	6	"	6.
Mocksville	7	"	"

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Amount of the Chs.

Union -	$12	paid	9.
Marion -	6	"	6
Morganton	18	"	"
Mooresville	10	"	6
Newton	8	"	"
Poplar Tent	30	"	20
Prospect -	20	"	15.02
Rocky River	46	"	15
Salem	2	"	"
Salisbury	40	"	40
Shiloh	5	"	"
Statesville	40	"	16.93
Siloam -	5	"	5
Tabor	5.	"	9.
Taylorsville	10	"	14
Third Creek	14	"	"
Thyatira -	14	"	1.20
Unity -	14	"	"
Williamsboro	4	"	5
Zion	2	"	4
	482	"	25.8.21.

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E. N. Faucette ruling elder from Zion Church, appeared in Presbytery appeared in Presbytery & gave satisfactory reason for tardiness.

A paper proposing a re-arrangement of our churches into pastorates was read & placed on the docket.

Presbytery then took a recess until 2½ O'clock P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

Members appear

Rev W. A. Wood, Dr J. B. Alexander ruling elder from Bethel, J. J. Brummer ruling elder from Salisbury, Prof J. R. Blake ruling elder from A. College, Rufus Gibson ruling elder from Concord (Endell) and M. W. Hill ruling elder from Statesville, appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr J. J. Brummer was appointed Treasurer pro. tem.

The paper touching the grouping of the Churches was taken from the docket, considered, & referred to a special committee consisting of Rev Messrs J. Temple, W. W. Mackay, W. A. Wood & Prof J. R. Blake & M. W. J. Gibson E.E.

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The annual report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read & received as information.

The following resolutions were adopted.

Resolutions of Sympathy Rev J. Rankin

The Presbytery of Concord, learning with great regret the afflictions and infirmities of our aged father & brother in the holy ministry Rev Jesse Rankin, who has spent so long and useful a life in the service of the Divine Master; desire hereby to express their sympathy with him in the decline of both his bodily & mental faculties & pray that his setting sun be only a prelude to a glorious & Eternal day. Therefore:

1. Resolved That when this is passed, Presbytery unite in prayer by the Moderator in his behalf.

2. That the Stated Clerk send a copy of this paper to Father Rankin & his family.

Zion Ch released.

On motion, Zion Church was released from any obligation now resting upon it to pay any part of the Evangelist's Salary, in consideration of that Church's agreement to remit to the Sustentation Committee $25. of the sum promised by said Committee to aid in building a house of worship.

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The consideration of the ways & means for raising the amount still due the late Evangelist Rev A. E. Crawford was taken up - pending which Presbytery took a recess until after divine service to night.

After divine service, Presbytery was called to order, & the consideration of ways & means for securing the remainder of the Evangelists Salary was resumed.

Collections for Evangelist

The motion to instruct the churches to take up collections for the Evangelistic fund as soon as practicable, & that so much of these collections as shall be necessary to pay this balance be so appropriated, was reconsidered & adopted.

The committee to which the paper touching the grouping of the churches into pastorates was referred; presented a report thereon, which was received & made the first order of the day Tomorrow morning.

Presbytery then adjourned until Tomorrow morning 9 o'clock

Closed with prayer.

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Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called, & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Leave of absence, after this morning's Session, was granted to Rev Wm H. Plumer & Rev J. R. B. Adams ruling elder,

J. Rumple Trustee Davidson Col.

The committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College reported, that, they found that Rev J. Rumple was the only one of the class now going out, & recommended that he be re-appointed to serve the next four years, which report was rec'd & adopted.

The order of the day was taken up, and the paper touching the grouping of the Churches was considered seriatim, amended and adopted & is as follows:

Chs. Evangel.

The Presbytery of Concord desiring to promote the efficiency of pastoral work within its bounds, & at the same time to render its pastorates as convenient & permanent as possible, & of rendering the Pastorates available for the work of Home Missions, resolves:

1. That all of its Churches be grouped into convenient & permanent Pastorates, with definite & ascertained Salaries annexed.

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2. That these pastorates be combined & arranged into Clusters, for convenience of meeting, & co-operation in Church work.

3. That it be recommended, that Stated meetings be held in each Cluster of pastorates, said meetings to be composed of all the Ministers & one Ruling Elder & one Deacon from each Church.

Cls, 2, Grouped,

At these meetings it shall be in order to consult concerning the interests of Religion & especially to devise ways & means to search out & supply with the means of grace, the destitute portions of their territory.

The following shall be the order of Pastorates & Clusters of Pastorates:

Cabarrus & Stanly Cluster No. I.

1. Rocky River - Salary $1200 & Means 200 = $1400
2. Concord Town " 1200 & Manse 200 = 1400

Bron attached to Pastorates 1 & 2 Salary as they may be able.

3. Poplar Tent " 900 & Manse 100 = 1000

Mecklenburg & South Iredell Cluster No. II.

1. Bethel (Special Pastorate) Salary $300 = $300
2. Davidson College (Special Pastorate) 300 = 300
3. Centre & Bethpage " 400 & 400 & Means = 800
4. Prospect & Mooresville 500 & Manse & 500 = 1000

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Rowan & Davie Cluster No. III.

1. Thyatira & Back Creek & Bethesda $400 + 250 + 250 respectively = $900
2. Salisbury " 1000 + Manse 200 = 1400
3. Franklin & Mocksville 500 + 500 = 1000
4. Third Creek & Unity 350 + 300 + Manse = 750

Iredell Cluster No. IV.

1. Fifth Creek, Bethany & Tabor 300 + 300 + 100 = 700
2. Statesville " 1200 = 1200
3. Concord & Shiloh 800 + 100 Manse = 600

Alexander, Wilkes & Caldwell Cluster No. V.

Cls, Grouped

1. Taylorsville & Salem 200 + 50 Special Past = 250
2. Wilkesboro & Baddin Co, 200 + 100 + Lust, 200 = 500
3. Lenoir, Watauga & Johnson 500 + 50 + Lust = 800

Catawba, Burke & McDowell Cluster, VI.

1. Newton & Hickory $ 200 + $ 250 + Lust, 200 = $ 650.
2. Morganton & Burke Co, 600 + Manse 200 + Sustentation = = 1000
3. Marion, Siloam, Old Fort & Enuella - 250 + 200 + 50 respectively = 500

This includes $850 from the Sustentation fund.

The design of the foregoing arrangement is not to interfere, immediately, with existing Pastoral relations, but to realize as rapidly as providence will allow, the specified Classification, with the designated Salaries.

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It is further recommended that the Pastorates of the different Churches meet as soon as practicable, elect a Chairman & arrange for an early meeting.

Com. { J. Temple, Wm W Pharr, W. A. Wood, Prof. J. R. Blake & R E M. W. Johnston & R. E.

The order of the day was taken up, when Rev D. S. Johnston, A.T. Foreign, presented the following report on Foreign Missions, which was accepted & the resolution appended to the report, adopted:

A.T. for Miss report.

The contributions from the Churches of Concord Presbytery to the cause of Foreign Missions during the year ending March 31, 1876 have been as follows:

Our 3409 members have contributed $1737. making an average of 50½ ct per member.

Davidson College stands alone at $7.47 per member. Four other Churches; viz:- Lenoir, Marion, Statesville & Salisbury have a joint average of $1.62 per member.

Four Churches: Salisbury, Statesville Davidson College & Rocky River have given an aggregate of $1105.

During the past year we increased the aggregate of our contributions over that of the preceding, by nearly $300. & the average per member by 10 cts.

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Eighteen months ago we resolved on an effort to raise our average from 25 cts at which we then stood, to 50 cts per member. This we have now reached, & our aggregate is now double what it was two years ago.

For these results we should be most devoutly thankful.

But we have not yet reached the maximum of duty & privilege in this department of beneficence.

The average of our Presbytery is yet 8 cts. below that of the Genl. Assembly.

A.T. for Mis report.

And though the receipts of the Treasury Genl Assembly's Treasury last year, exceeded those of the previous year by $19.000. raising the amount from $42.000 to $61.000, the expenses of the missionary work have also increased; so that of the $15.000. debt of last year $10.000. still remains unpaid.

In order to prosecute our enterprise successfully the Genl Assembly's Com, assures us that $75.000 a year will be needed, & the Genl. Assembly has sanctioned this call on the Churches for that sum.

This will require an advance of 25 cts per cents on the contributions of last year.

I would therefore conclude this report by recommending the following resolutions:

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Resolution Forsyth's

Resolved. That, thankful for past mercies, & looking to the giver of all grace for future aid, we will make an earnest effort to raise the contributions from this Presby to For. Missions for the current year to an amount, at least one fourth above the amount contributed last year.

T. P. Johnston & S.T.

Rev J. M. Anderson appeared in Pres. and assigned satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

After divine. Presbytery took a recess until 2. O'clock this Evening.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

The committee on the Minutes of the Genl. Assembly presented the following report, which was accepted & adopted:

Minutes of Genl. Asby upon Bequ

1. Resolved That Pastors & Stated supplies of this Presbytery are reminded of their obligation to expound fully to the people the duty & privilege of giving to the Lord of their substance as He has prospered them.

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2. That our Church Sessions are enjoined to take up collections for all the objects of Benevolence adopted by the Genl. Assembly & as far as practicable at the time directed by the Genl. Assembly.

3. That their compliance with the above injunctions be reported by the ministers & Ruling Elders at each regular meeting of Presbytery in the pre conversation on the State of religion.

4. That in case of a failure on the part of any Session to take up a collection in the congregation for any of the appointed objects of benevolence, a written reason for such failure shall be sent to Presbytery by that Session.

5. That when any of our ministers are sent to supply vacant congregations, they are required to urge upon the Session of such congregations & upon the congregation the discharge of their duty in respect to Systematic Benevolence.

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Report adopted

6. That the Chairman of Education Committee, be instructed to obtain from the Professors of Theological Seminaries, Colleges & Schools where our Candidates may be pursuing their Studies, quarterly reports of their diligence, Standing & progress of each Candidate, so that in case of any deficiency, the proper corrections may be applied without delay,

7. That the ministers & ruling Elders of our Presbytery are urged to read carefully, before the next regular meeting of Presbytery, the Book of Church Order & Discipline sent down to the Presbyteries from the Genl Assembly, in order that they may more readily & intelligibly vote in approval or disapproval of the same,

8. That it be made the first order of the 2nd day of our next regular Session of Presbytery, to consider the Book of Church order & Discipline.

10. That this Presbytery recommends the Gospel Lever to the patronage of our people.

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11. That our churches observe the last Thursday of February as a concert of prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit upon the Pastors of our churches & upon our institutions of learning & for God's blessing upon the cause of Education,

S. D. Pemick
Chairman

The following resolution was adopted:
Resolved That a Committee be appointed to revise & arrange in proper order, the Standing Rules of this Presbytery, and prepare a Manual of Presbytery, to be presented at its next regular meeting

The Committee appointed to the prepare the Manual contemplated in the above resolution, consists of Rev Messrs S. D. Pemick J. Rumple & Wm. H. Plumm.

Comm to revise Standing Rules.

The Committee on Colportage made the following financial report:
The Committee have collected since the last meeting of presbytery, Old debts = $8.00
Books sold = 17.85
Percentage paid for selling = 7.10
Cash on hand = 26.75
Old debts still due = 16.65
Books on hand = 42.00

Colp. Fund report.

This report was approved & Committee continued.

J. McKinnon Clerk

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Sept. 1st — Rev. R. W. Boyd Sct. of Publication presented the following report which was accepted:

Report Sct. Pub.

The Sct. of Publication would report that but 16 of our 35 Churches contributed to the cause of Publication during the past year. The Churches which failed to contribute are: Siloam, Gibbs Mission, Shiloh, Taban, Franklin, Taylorsville, Mooresville, Prospect, Bethesda Centre, Statesville, Bethel, Poplar Tent, Thyatira, Back Creek, Salem, Zion, Amsilla & Jefferson. Of these 8 were vacant at the time appointed by the Assembly for taking up the collection for this cause, viz: Mooresville, Prospect, Thyatira, Back Creek, Salem, Zion, Amsilla & Jefferson.

The entire contributions of the Presbytery is $136.- little more than one half the amt. contributed in 1875 & not one third of the amount contributed in 1874.

The Committee published during the year 5 new books. The total issues from the press by the Committee were: Bound Vols. 37,287. Psalms & Hymns 5,000; Voice of Praise 5,000; Hymns to Voice of Praise 5,000; Milk for Babes, 5,000; Children's Bread 5,000; Social Hymns, 6,000; Class Books 2,000; Church Blanks 15,000;

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Sept. 1st — Child's Scripture Questions Book, 2,000; Reward Tickets, 200,000; Envelopes, 240,000; Catechisms with proofs, 5,000; Shorter Catechism, 20,000; Brown's Catechism, 10,000; Tracts, 100,000 pp; Tract Volumes, 2,000; Catalogues, 6,000; Annual Report, 2,500 Circulars, 2,000.

The circulation of the Children's Friend & Gospel Sower published conjointly by the Committee & Reformed Board, is is respectively, 25,000, & 1,300.

R. W. Boyd Sct.

A call from Concord Church (Sudell) for the pastoral services of Mr. McMillan licentiate, was read & not being bound regular, was ordered to be returned to said Church.

On motion Presbytery took a recess until after divine service to-night.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Phila Hall ruling Elder from the Hillsboro Church appeared in Presbytery & gave satisfactory reason for tardiness.

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Jull. Anderson dismissed to Orange Dy

Rev Jull. Anderson was dismissed, at his own request, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Orange.

Narrative

The following narrative on the state of religion with in our bounds, was read, approved, & ordered to be forwarded to Synod:-

Narrative.

The Presbytery would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina.

That during the past year our churches have enjoyed an average degree of prosperity.

There has been no very marked & special revival of religion in our bounds, neither has there been in any of our churches any visible spiritual decline, or troublesome dissentions.

Most of our churches report additions, varying from 1 or 2, up to 15 or 20.

Sabbath Schools & prayer meetings are very generally maintained.

Our preaching force has been increased during the year by additions from other Presbyteries, & as a result of this our churches are more fully supplied than formerly.

To apply more fully the principle of Presbyterial oversight & control,

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Narrative

we have recently grouped our churches into definite Pastorates, & divided the Presbytery into sections, each embracing several churches.

The ministers in said sections are to co-operate fully in the general development of the resources of these Churches, & to this end, in connection with the Elders & deacons, are to hold regular meetings for conference.

We trust that this arrangement will result in great good to our churches.

In our last report to the Genl. Assembly, it appears that the average salary of the ministers in this Presbytery is $ 800. We hope that, notwithstanding the stringency of the times, that the contributions to benevolent objects will reach their former average.

There are ten churches in our bounds, in more or less comfortable condition.

We have for the present discontinued the Colportage work, the work undertaken having been, in a great measure completed.

We have also discontinued our regular Evangelistic labors, finding it in the shape & condition of our Presbytery, wiser to do this work through the agency of Domestic Missionaries located at

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Sept 1st certain circles where there are weak churches.

In conclusion we believe the spiritual condition of this Presbytery to be encouraging.

The work remaining to be done is great, & yet there are marks of the divine favor granted us, to encourage to renewed diligence & consecration,

Lodi C. Kinman (Chm,

The Committee of Finance & also the Committee on Bills & Overtures, reported that no business had come into their hands, which reports were received & the committees discharged.

Sus. Com. report. Supplies

The Sustentation Committee presented the following report which was adopted:

1. The Committee recommend that Rev C. T. Renick hold three days meeting at each of the Churches of Puyallup & Back Creek & that Rev A. K. Hepburn preach on Sabbath in one of the Renick Churches

2. That Rev N. P. Winn hold three days meeting at Concord Church (Indian) & administer the Sacraments

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Sept 1st 3. That Rev D. Le Beall hold three days meeting at Shiloh & administer the Sacraments. That Rev Enos Wood also preach at Shiloh one Sabbath.

4 That Rev T. G. Thurston hold 3 days meeting at Gibbs Mission & administer the Sacraments. & Rev Messrs D. Le Beall, T. N. Paxton & R. B. Anderson each one Sabbath at Gibb's Mission.

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5 That Rev N. L. Coonrod hold 3 days meeting at Tabor, & administer the Sacraments, & Rev D. Le Beall spend one Sabbath there.

We recommend that vacant churches pay for services rendered or at least to pay the expenses of the supplies.

Prof. J. R. Blaine made a report as to his attendance on the sessions of the late Gen. Assembly, as Commissioner, which report was approved & the Treasurer instructed to refund to him the amount of his expenses.

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Sept 1, 5. The annual roll of Names & the Pastor of Hickory for their hospitality & to the N.H. Companies for reduced fare &c. was adopted.

The Stated Clerk was directed to publish an abstract of the minutes & the paper on Grouping the Churches in full.

N.C.R. On motion, it was ordered that the name of Rev. J.C. Shaw N.C. be taken from our roll inasmuch as he has connected himself with another branch of the Christian Church.

The minutes of to day were read & approved.

On motion, it was resolved, that Presbytery adjourn to meet in Fayetteville during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William M. Shaw.
Stated Clerk.

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Oct 20. Adjourned meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church Fayetteville Oct 20th 1876.

Rev J. Rumple, the last Moderator present took the Chair & constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

D.C. Damuton ruling Elder from Lenoir Church was chosen temporary Clerk.

Ministers present- J. Rumple. P.F. Penick. W.A. Wood. R.B. Boyd & J.M. Graham.

Ruling Elders:- Dr M.W. Dill of Statesville & D.C. Damuton of Lenoir.

J.B. Allison, licentiate of this Pres, was dismissed at his own request to place himself under the care of Red River Presbytery Ga.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

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Fayetteville N.C.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator Rev J. D Kemmpke. Oct 21st 1876.

A call was read from the Church of Concord (Endell) for the ministerial services of Mr W. W. McLelland licentiate of this Presbytery, promising him, for three fourths (3/4) of his time, a Salary of five hundred dollars ($500) per annum, in semi-annual installments.

The call being found in order, was placed in his hands.

The minutes were then read & approved & the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Franklin Church on Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath in April 1877. 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

William W. Shaw
Stated Clerk.

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Franklin Church N.C.

The presbytery of Concord met in Franklin church on March 28th 1877 in ecclesiastical session. according to adjournment; and after sermon, by the Moderator Rev R.B. Anderson, from Phil. 3:13.14. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus": was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called & the following ministers and ruling Elders were present:

Ministers
T. P. Johnston.
E. F. Rockwell
T. N. Paxton
A. D. Crawford
P. J. Pennick
B. L. Beall
J. Rumple
Wm. Shaw
W. A. Wood
L. McKinnon
R. B. Anderson
R. W. Boyd
J. W. Thornwell
J. M. Wharey.

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Ruling Elders — Churches.

Moses Leingle — Back Creek
A. Gray — Bethany
J. R. McNeely — Centre & Bethany
T. W. Sparrow — Davidson College
A. C. Sharpe — Concord (Bethel)
C. R. White — Concord Town
W. A. Thomason — Franklin
R. W. Johnstone — Gibbs Mission
R. L. Grall — Lenoir
C. P. Penick — Mooresville & Prospect.
Thos. Cannon — Poplar Tent
A. M. Query — Rocky River
D. A. Davis — Salisbury
J. P. Flannigan — Statesville
A. C. McIntosh — Taylorsville
J. Douglass — Unity
Jas. Gibson — Thyatira.

Members. Absent without written excuse ministers:— Saml. Lindley. T. G. Thurston. A. E. Chandler. A. D. Hepburn D.D. J. W. Davis.

Chs. not represented. Churches unrepresented: Bethesda, Drusilla, Fifth Creek, Jefferson, Mocksville, Marion, Newton, Salem, Shiloh, Siloam, Tabor, Wilkesboro & Zion.

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Mod & Clk. Rev R. W. Boyd was elected Moderator, and Rev R. L. Grall & R. L. Grall Temporary Clerks.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The minutes of the last Stated meeting, and of an adjourned meeting at Fayetteville, were read.

corresponding Members. Rev J. W. Colton of the Indian Presbytery and Rev L. Brown of the Lutheran Synod were invited, being present, to sit as corresponding members.

Rev D. F. Glasgow appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness & for absence from the last Stated meeting of this body.

The churches unrepresented at the last Stated meeting were called on for reasons for non-representation.

J. W. White ruling elder from Zion & J. H. Wilson, from Bethel Church appeared in Presbytery & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Supplies report. Members of presbytery present, appointed as temporary Supplies, reported as to fulfilment of said appointments.

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The Moderator announced the following Standing committees:-

On Bills & Overtures- R. B. Anderson. D. D. Penick & A. C. McIntosh R.E.

Judicial Committee:- E. F. Rockwell. W. A. Wood & R. W. Johnston E.E.

On Minutes of Synod:- D. McKinnon D. L. Beall & A. Gray R.E.

On narrative to the Genl. Assembly:- J. Rumple. J. W. Thornwell & R. L. Beall R.E.

Committees of the Mod.

On Systematic Benevolence:- W. A. Wood J. M. Wharey & Moses Tringle, R.E.

On Sabbath Schools: J. W. Thornwell. D. P. Johnston & A. C. Sharpe, R.E.

Evangelistic work: Wm. M. Shaw. D. L. Beall & C. R. McAuley, R.E.

On Sustentation Committee report &c.: A. L. Crawford. T. R. Paxton & M. A. Davis R.E.

of Finance:- R. L. Beall & A. C. McIntosh ruling Elders.

Devotional Exercise: A. L. Crawford & W. A. Thomason R.E.

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Committee on Sessional Records:

No 1. J. M. Wharey, E. P. Penick — Back Creek, Bethany, Bethesda, Bethphage, Centre, Davidson College, Concord (Odell), Concord Tower, Denusilla, Fifth Creek, Franklin, Gibbs Mission & Jefferson.

Standing Committees

No 2. P. D. Penick, T. Cannon, W. J. Flanagan — Grenoin, Mocksville, Marion, Morganton, Moorsville, Newton, Poplar Tent, Prospect, Rocky River, Tabor.

No 3. T. R. Paxton, T. W. Spencer, & A. M. Avery — Salisbury, Shiloh, Statesville, Siloam, Salem, Taylorsville, Third Creek, Thyatira, Unity, Williamsboro, Zion.

A paper from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Orange was presented, read & put on the docket.

T. J. Thurston permitted to supply Williamsboro.

A request from the Williamsboro church for permission to employ Rev T. J. Thurston as Stated supply, promising him the sum of ($150.) one hundred & fifty dollars in half regular quarterly payments for one third of his time, the said request was granted for twelve months.

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Calls from Back Creek & Olyatina for pastoral services of J. A. Ramsay

A joint call, from the Churches of Olyatina & Back Creek for the pastoral services of licentiate Jas. A. Ramsay, each promising him a salary of three hundred & fifty dollars, for one half his time, payable in half yearly payments, ever read & placed in his hands.

Mr Ramsay having signified his readiness to accept said calls, a committee consisting of Rev E. F. Rockwell, & Moses Stringfield & Jas. Gibson, ruling Elders, were appointed to arrange for his ordination & installation if the way be clear.

Disposal of reports.

On motion, it was ordered that the Narratives from the Churches on the State of religion, be placed in the hands of the Committee on the Narrative to the Gen. Assembly — that the Statistical reports from the same be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk — that the report on Sabbath Schools be placed in the hands of the committee on Sabbath Schools — & that reports on systematic Benevolence from the same be put in the hands of the Committee on Systematic Benevolence.

Commissioners to Gen. Assy. appointed

Rev J. W. Thornwell as principal, with Rev J. Rumple as his alternate; & ruling Elder R. G. Beall as principal, with C. R. White alternate, were chosen as commissioners to the next Gen. Assembly to meet in New Orleans &c.

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Presbytery invited Mr Thos. Klutz to read before this body an essay on the Diaconate, on tomorrow 10 o'clock A.M.

Klutz invitation rec.

Mr D. A. Davis R.E., was appointed to convey this request to Mr Klutz.

Place & time of next meeting,

Presbytery resolved to hold its next semi-annual meeting at Mooresville Church, on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath of Sept, next. at 7 o'clock P.M.

Rev P. F. Penick from the committee to prepare a Manual of Standing rules for the use of this presbytery, presented a report which was received, and made the first order of the day on tomorrow after recess, for its consideration.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with Prayer.

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Thursday morning 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Leave of absence was granted Rev T. S. Johnston after this morning's session.

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report of arrangements for the Ordination & installation of J. A. Ramsay over Back Creek & Olyatina.

The committee to arrange for the ordination & installation of Jas. A. Ramsay licentiate, made the following report which was adopted:-

The committee recommend that presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Olyatina church on Friday before the 3d Sabbath of May at 10 o'clock A.M. to attend to the examination of Mr Ramsay - & that the ordination & installation take place on the Saturday following if the weather be clear, at 11. o'clock. - That Rev P. D. Penick preside, propose the constitutional questions & preach the ordination sermon - that Rev Wm W. Pharr deliver the charge to the pastor - that Rev A. H. Hepburn D.D. give the charge to the people; - & that Rev J. McKinnon be alternate to P. D. Penick - that Rev R. W. Boyd be alternate to Wm W. Pharr - & that Rev W. A. Wood be alternate to Dr Hepburn.

It was further recommended that the installation of Mr Ramsay over the Back Creek Church take place at the same time by representation.

Rom 5:1. was assigned as a text for the trial sermon of Mr Ramsay with a view to Ordination.

Com. { E. F. Rockwell, Jas. Gibson, Moses Enyle

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Rev P. P. Winn appeared Presbytery & gave satisfactory reason for tardiness.

Mr Klutz essay.

The order of the day was taken up, when Presbytery heard the essay on the Diaconate by Mr Theo. Klutz, for which the thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Mr Klutz.

Com. on revised Book.

It was moved to adopt 'The Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, as a whole. As a substitute for which, a committee consisting of Rev Messrs D. McInnon P. D. Penick & Wm W. Pharr, & Ruling elders A. C. McIntosh & R. G. Brail, was appointed to receive objections to said Book, & report, recommending some action for the Presbytery.

The committee of Colportage made the following report which was approved & the committee authorized to close the business as best they can:-

Report on Colportage

The Committee of Colportage offer the following:
By our last report it will be seen that there was then on hand the following named property-

Cash on hand -	$ 27.70
Old debts then due -	16.60
Books on hand about -	22.00
Since then, we have collected old debts -	$10.00
Received from Books sold -	4.40
	27.70
Making the cash asset stand -	$ 43.00

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We have sent of this amount to Rev Dr. McIlwaine as directed by Presbytery for Soochow Building &c. $40.00

Ld postage, report. Paid for exchange for this amt, .20

Cash now on hand 1.80

Total disbursements $42.00

At the time of our last report there were on hand to the amount of about $42.00

Sold since then — 7.25

Now on hand about 34.75

Com, { Jas. McKinnon
M. McL. Gillon.

Finance Com. report.

The Committee of Finance reported that they had examined the account of D. A. Davis Treasurer of Presbytery & found them correctly kept. his disbursements sustained by proper vouchers, and the following balances remaining in his hands as Treasurer to date; viz:

For Sustentation — $150.66
" Education — 135.00
" Publication — 182.23
" Commissioner's Fund — 65.51
" For. Missions — 110.48
" Relief Fund — 107.12

" Evangelist Fund there is due the Treasurer $3.95 he having paid out that amount over his receipts.

A. McL. Watson (Chm)

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Rev G. M. Gibbs appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory reason for tardiness.

Sus. Com. report.

The Committee of Sustentation presented their annual report, which was received, and together with their Records, were referred to the Standing Committee on Sustentation.

Presbytery took recess for one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The order of the day was then taken up; viz: The consideration of the proposed Manual of the Presbytery.

Manual adopted & ordered to be printed &c.

The report of the Committee was amended and adopted, and the Committee instructed to have printed 300 copies of this Manual, & to sell 200 copies at a price not less than cost of printing.

J. B. Rowe Receiving.

On motion Mr J. B. Rowe candidate under the care of this Presbytery, was placed on the list of beneficiaries.

Com. on the narratives from the Chs. report.

The Committee on the narratives of the Churches reported on the same, which was approved & the exceptions ordered to be placed on the narratives, respectively, & to be returned to the Clerks of Sessions.

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N.C.P. resolutions.

The following resolution was adopted:-
Resolved, That the Presbytery of Concord would assure the Editor of the N.C. Presbyterian of their deep & abiding interest in the success of that paper. And recognizing its importance, as one of the agencies necessary for a full development of our Congregations; we will cheerfully cooperate with him in extending its circulation in our bounds.
Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to transmit a copy of this paper to the Editor.

Presbytery then adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

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Friday morning 9 o'clock
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Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. E. H. Gibbs & A. C. McIntosh after this morning's Session.

Com on Revised Book report

Rev E. H. Harmon from the committee on the Revised Book of Church Order made a report which was received.
Rev P. F. Pence from the same committee

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offered a minority report which was also received.
Pending the consideration of these reports Presbytery took a recess for one hour.
After recess
Presbytery met. The unfinished business was suspended. Committee on Sessional Records made reports which were approved & the exceptions ordered to be noted, on the books to which they were taken, respectively.

Report on Sess. Records

Systematic Benevolence report

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence presented a report which was received & approved & ordered to be transmitted to the Genl Assembly.

Evangelistic work report

The Committee on Evangelistic Work made a report which was approved & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

Narrative report

The Committee on the Narrative made report which was received & ordered to be sent to the Genl. Assembly.

Sab. School Report

The Committee on Sabbath Schools offered a report which was approved & ordered to be sent to the Genl. Assembly.

Judicial Com report

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had come into their hands & asked to be discharged. The report was received & the request granted.

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Com. to prepare a minute on the death of J. Franklin

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Rev Messrs J. Rumple & P.P. Winn with R. L. Grall, R.E. were appointed to bring in a minute touching the death of Rev Jesse Franklin,

The committee to whom the records & report of the Sustentation Committee were referred, presented the following report which was adopted:-

Report of Com. on Records & Report of Sus. Com.

The Committee appointed to examine the report of the committee on Sustentation report that they have examined the same & find it correct & recommend its approval.

They would further commend the diligence & fidelity of the Committee in the discharge of their duty.

In regard to ministers salaries, this committee would recommend that those churches which have failed to report to Presbytery on the subject, be enjoined to report as soon as possible to the Chairman of Sustentation, together with their reasons for their failure in this matter.

notice pastors salaries &c

And that the Sessions of those churches which have reported considerable deficiency in the payment of their promised salary be enjoined to direct their Deacons to collect all arrearages & pay them over to the minister as soon as practicable.

And that the Sessions be required to report their compliance with this injunction

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at our next Stated meeting. together with the results of the efforts the deacons in this matter. We would further recommend that the present Committee be continued.

A. L. Crawford, Clk.

Com on Min's of Synod report

The committee on the Minutes of the Synod reported that they find nothing in the minutes claiming the attention of the Presbytery, this report was received & the committee discharged.

Rev P. P. Winn reported as to fulfilment of appointment as temporary supply - which was approved.

Revised Book of Church order adopted

The consideration of the Revised Book of Church order was resumed. After some discussion the majority report was amended & adopted & is as follows:-

The Presbytery of Concord would report to the Genl. Assembly that, we desire a new book and do agree to adopt the revised Book of Church order as it stands. And while we adopt the book unconditionally, if it shall please the Genl. Assembly so to alter Chap VI. Sec. III. Book IV. as to restrict the electors of pastors to communicants & adult baptized non-communicants who are regular

attendants & contributors to the support of the pastor, this Presbytery will adopt that amendment.

Fraternal relations

The paper from Orange Presbytery containing certain resolutions touching "fraternal relations" with the Northern Genl. Assembly & inviting this, & other sister Presbyteries to unite with her in a similar expression of opinion, was taken up & the first two resolutions of said paper, adopted as the sentiment of this body; viz:-

Whereas the Presbytery of Concord in connexion with the Genl. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. States of America, sincerely desires the establishment of fraternal relations with the Genl. Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. of America on terms that are honorable and christian, and

Whereas, it cannot be admitted with any respect to the fair interpretation of language that the acts or deliverances of the Northern Genl. Assembly do impugn in any way the Christian character of the Southern Genl. Assembly or of the historical bodies of which it is the successor, and

Whereas the aspersions cast upon our christian character have never yet in

the judgment of this Presbytery been in a "few plain words regretted or disapproved"

1st Therefore, Be it resolved that a few plain words from the Northern Genl. Assembly regretting & disapproving the things complained of by the Southern Assembly as having been uttered in times of great excitement, will remove all objections on our part to fraternal correspondence.

2nd That this Presbytery deprecating continued agitation on this subject which leads to no positive result, recommends to the Genl. Assembly to decline further correspondence with the Northern Assembly on any other basis than that proposed by our committee in the Baltimore Conference.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to transmit this action to the Stated Clerk of Orange Presbytery.

by J. Mauldin Minute on his death

The committee to prepare a minute touching the death of Rev Jesse Mauldin, offered the following which was adopted:

This Presbytery have heard with sorrow of the death of the Rev Jesse Mauldin, after serving as a minister of Jesus Christ for about fifty years. Faithful in labors for Christ's cause & Kingdom, punctual in attendance upon the courts of the church, he has left to us who remain an example worthy of our imitation; and

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memory dear to our hearts. We tender our Sympathy to the bereaved family of our departed Brother.

We further recommend that Rev B. L. Beall be directed to prepare a biographical Sketch of the life & labors of Mr Franklin to be recorded in the Presbytery's Book of Biographical Sketches.

J. Rumple, Chm.

A.W. White Candidate rec'd

Mr Andrew Walker White was introduced to the Bar under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry. Satisfactory testimonials of his christian character and membership in Rocky River church, and recital pieces was presented.

Having been examined as to his experimental piety & motives for seeking the ministry, the examination was sustained & he was received under the care of the Presbytery, & on motion, was placed on the list of beneficiaries.

Supplies appointed

Rev J. Rumple from the Sustentation Com, presented the following recommendations touching supplies, which was adopted:-

1. The committee recommend that Rev Messrs J. M. Wheary, L. McKinnon & A. H. Stephenson D.D. preach one Sabbath each at Poplar Tent Church in the absence of the pastor for the Genl. Assembly.

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2. That Rev J. M. Wheary preach one Sabbath in Stanly Co. in April, & Rev J. Rumple one Sabbath in May, & that Revs Messrs L. McKinnon & J. H. Thornwell preach in Stanly at discretion.

3d That Rev L. McKinnon preach one Sabbath evening & one Saturday evening a month at Zion church & as much of time as he can.

The committee on Bills & Overtures reported that no business had come into their hands, which report was received & the committee discharged.

Leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted Rev W. A. Wood & J. S. Flannagan & J. M. Wilson ruling Elders.

Gibbs Mission assisted,

An appeal was read from the Gibbs Mission church for aid in building a house of worship. In response to which, it was resolved, that this object be commended to the liberality of our churches, and that a collection by subscription be now made therefor.

D. College supplies

Permission was granted to Davidson College Church to employ the ministerial services of Rev A. H. Stephenson D.D. & Rev Dr Patterson during the present sess

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at a salary of $300.

Leave of absence

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery was granted Rev. H. Davis, ruling Elder.

Vote of thanks

The following was adopted:
Resolved, That the thanks of this body be & are hereby tendered to the congregation of Franklin for their kindness in entertaining the members of this Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk of Presbytery was directed to address to the Rev Mr. Lindley, a letter expressive of our fraternal regard, & sympathy in his affliction.

Postponed

The report of the committee on Education was, on motion, deferred to the next stated meeting of this Presbytery.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read & approved.

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On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Thyatira Church on Friday before the 3d Sabbath of May at 10.0'clock A.M.

Closed with singing, prayer, & the apostolic benediction.

William M. Blain.
Stated Clerk

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Appendix

No I

Narrative to the Genl. Assembly.

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully reports to the Genl. Assembly, that there have been no remarkable outpourings of the Spirit of God during the past year among their churches.

In all our churches there have been some additions, & in a few of them an unusual number. But the good work has been done quietly, mostly by the labors of the pastors, without the aid of Special Evangelists. With many defects & shortcomings, our people have been struggling upward, trying to increase in liberality, in active work for the master and in fostering & maintaining prayer meetings & Sabbath Schools.

It is believed that the Eldership are becoming more faithful in visiting families, & that the work both of the Elders & Deacons is becoming more systematic & efficient.

Notwithstanding the severity of the times there has been some improvement in contributions to Sustentation, & a more

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March. marked increase of contributions to For. Missions, while the average of pastors Salaries has been raised over that of last year.

By a System of meetings of the ministers, Elders & deacons of clusters of 6 or 8 contiguous churches, held five or six times a year, an effort has been made to arouse the hearts of our church officers & members, to greater diligence in working; & at the same time to secure a better knowledge of our mutual wants, & wants of the territory within our bounds.

Our reports indicate that our people are at peace among themselves, & that the name of Christ has not often been dishonored by flagrant crimes & misdemeanors of Churchmembers.

Wm. S. Plumer
Stated Clerk.

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Appendix
No II.

Systematic Benevolence.

The reports of the Presbytery of Concord to the Gen. Assembly, for the year ending April 1877.

Objects	No. of Congregations contributing	Amounts
Sustentation	20	$ 341.48
Evangelistic	16	140.32
Invalid Fund	19	137.57
For. Missions	21	690.43
Education	19	190.30
Publication	18	150.21
Presbyterial	14	229.99
Pastors Salaries paid	28	11.785.00
Congregational	24	5.212.44
Miscellaneous	13	256.32
Total	30	$19.133.94

13 Congregations have contributed to all the six objects of benevolence ordered by the Gen. Assembly; 16 have contributed to 5 of them; 20 have contributed to 4 of them; 21 to 3 of them; 22 to two of them; 23 to one of them; 3 have contributed to none of them.

Wm. Pharr
Stated Clk

Franklin Bowen N.C.

Appendix No 3.

Report on Sabbath Schools

	No. on roll		Average Attendance		Increase	
	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers	Scholars
1 Back Creek	5	40	---	-		
2 Bethany	5	20	5	20	-	
3 Bethpage	6	55	3	40		
4 Centre	7	45	5	35	-	
5 Concord Town	19	110	14	76	1	
6 Davidson College	9	48	9	27	-	
7 Fifth Creek	6	35	5	30	-	
8 Gibb's Mission	11	50	7	31	1	
9 Iredell	12	81	10	47	-	
10 Mocksville	7	62	5	48	1	
11 Mooresville	7	100	6	80	1	
12 Morganton	10	60	10	57		
13 Newton	5	30	5	25	-	
14 Poplar Tent	13	114	10	70	2	
15 Rocky River	15	170	10	80		
16 Statesville	13.	141	9	80	-	
17 Salisbury	18	99	14	65	-	
18 Siloam	5	25	-	-	-	
19 Thyatira	10	140	8	80	2	
20 Taylorsville	7	50	6	40	-	
21 Third Creek	10	70	8	50	1	
22 Unity	11	80	6	50	1	
23 Zion	8	53	6	30	8	
Total.	218	1591	161	1050	18	

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	Decrease		No. added to Ch.		Amts. contributed for Sunday School	Amts. contributed for Benevolent Purposes.
Scholars	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers	Scholars		
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	3	$4.	-
				3		
-	-	5	-	-	3.25	-
-	-	-	-	4	32.50	
-	-	13	-	-	-	$5.75
-	-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	2	-	-	12.80	
18	-	-	-	1	5.77	26.20
5	-	-	-	2	12.03	
20	-	-	-	2	5.00	
5	-	-	1	8	-	2.90
-	-	-	-	-	5.50	
3	-	-	-	8	3.00	32.00
	2	20	-	4	-	-
6	-	-	-	9	9.00	36.60
-	-	-	-	3	-	11.67
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	-	-	-	-	4.00	-
10				3	-	2.35
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	-	-	-	4	35.00	-
180	2	39	1	54	11 818 5	175.57

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Sabbath School report continued:

The Presbytery of Concord would report to the Genl. Assembly, that all our Sabbath Schools are under the controll of the Sessions. the pastor or one of the elders being superintendent, & generally all the elders have classes. Our pastors do not as a general rule preach to the children especially, though the reports show that in the stated services they are not neglected.

In some of our Schools the Confession of Faith, Catechism & Form of Government are all taught. While in all either the Catechism or Confession of Faith is taught. In addition to the Bible & Standards a variety of books are in use. such as: Jacobus Questions. Smith's - Scripture Questions A. S. S. Union Questions & in two or 3. the International Series.

We are sorry to report that so few copies of the Children's Friend & Earnest Worker are taken in our Schools not more than one fourth of them being subscribers.

Our Schools are generally conducted in the good old way being opened by reading, sing & prayer & closed with singing & prayer.

While the reports show no special religious interest, yet it is worthy of remark that one teacher & ninety Scholars have been added to the church during the year.

Prayer & hear sts. [illegible]

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Appendix No 4.

Statistical Report of Concord
The Presbytery reports to the Genl. Assembly
core 35 Churches - 3 Licentiates and

Ministers & Candidates	Post Office	Churches	Added on Profession	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Total No. of Communicants	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized
Saml. Lindsley	D. M. Brookline	N.J.						
T. H. Johnston M.C.	Morganton	N.C.						
C. F. Hoopwell S.S.	Cool Spring	First Church	6	4	-	2	123	- 6
"	"	Bethany Church	5	3	5	1	110	2 12
T. H. Norton P.	Marion N.C.	Marion P.	2	2	3	-	34	- 3
S.S.	" "	Wilson S.S.	2	2	2	-	43	- 6
J. M. Gibbs S.S.	Hickory Station	Gibbs Mission	5	3	-	2	22	- 1
A. E. Crawford "	Mocksville	Mocksville	3	3	4	2	56	1 5
" "	Salisbury	Franklin	3	5	11	2	133	1 11
J. J. Thurston "	Taylorsville	Taylorsville	3	2	3	1	68	- 1
" "	Millsboro	Millsboro	3	-	-	-	20	- 5
P. D. Pennick P.	Mooresville	Mooresville P.	3	4	8	9	60	- 6
" "	"	Prospect P.	7	12	19	-	344	1 19
A. E. Chandler M.E.	Statesville							
R. G. Beall D.D.	Lenoir							
J. Rumple P.	Salisbury	Salisbury P.	7	7	4	4	154	- 6
Wm. M. Starr P.	Mt. Mourne	Centre P	7	4	5-	6	133	1 10
" "	"	Bethphage	7	5-	7	6	156	- 6
A. D. Hepburn S.S.	J. D. College	Davidson College	S. 3	-	4	1	24	- 1
W. A. Wood P.	Statesville	Statesville P.	9	6	9	4	186	4 4

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Presbytery Convened at New Orleans May 1877.
Stat it comprises 22 ministers - & have under it
6 Candidates :-

No. of P.O. from Comm.s	Children in S.S. & Bible Class	Instruction	Evangelistic	Domestic & Frontier	Foreign Missions	Education	Ass. Education	Ex. Contributions actually paid	Congregational	Ministerial
35-	55-	1	5-	2	5	2	3	- 125-	5-	1.
-	25-	5-	5-	4	8	1	5-	4 -	50	16.
28	16	7	1	7	6	7	7	6 182	3	10.
25-	20	3	1	5-	5	1	3	5- 109	-	-
17	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 180	30	-
31	50	25-	13	5-	5-	3	3	- 550	18	-
78	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	- 350	-	6.
25-	40	3	5-	5-	16	5-	12	- 200	12	-
20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 168	666	13.
47	110	7	2	2	13	4	2	10 300	143 35	-
225-	-	2	3	1	-	4	-	- 413	-	-
40	110	75-	25-	25- 104	685-	25-	40	1300	294	14.
15-6	25-	17	-	15-	15-	5-	-	- 350	-	12.
115-	55-	30	-	5-	10	6	4	- 250	125-	-
13	48	40	5-	10	105-	15-	15-	12 200	21	117.
-	141	-	-	8	318	30	-	40 839	188	-

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Report of Concord Society to the Genl. Assembly continued:

Ministers Secretaries & Candidates	Post Office	Churches	Ellard	Whole No. added on Examination	Added on Relation	Whole No. of Church Members	Total Amount	Whole No. Baptisms	Infants Baptized	No. Sab. Sch.	Whole No. Scholars	Children of S.S. & Bible Class	Sanctification	Evangelistic	Annual Synod	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Sunday School	Pastor's Salary Paid	Bonds paid off	Miscellaneous.
L. N. Glasgow	Davidson Colly	N.C. Bethel	7	2	8	2	57	-	6	79	-	2	5-	4	-	2	3	-	12	-	-
L. McKinnon	Concord	Concord	9	6	7	9	176	-	15	100	110	20	-	5	56	30	10	-	1857	1112	-
R.B. Anderson	Morganton	Morganton	1	-	13	-	117	-	7	20	60	20	30	20	36	18	11	13	-	62	-
N. W. Boyd	Salisbury	Unity	5	2	2	1	108	-	3	-	80	9	8	5	11	4	6	27	235	-	-
" "	"	Third Creek	5	4	-	2	110	-	3	-	70	26	5	3	11	2	1	14	216	8	-
J.R. Thornwell	Concord	Poplar Tent	4	5	17	3	153	1	18	55	114	60	5-	5-	31	5-	5-	20	805	48	37.
J. W. Davis	Fall.	Lookout China.																			
V. P. Munn	Lenoir	N.C. Lenoir	4	2	1	24	64	-	2	46	81	20	42	1	71	-	-	9	500	86	-
J. M. Shuey	Harrisburg	Rocky River	9	6	6	-	343	-	17	200	170	20	18	7	33	23	31	-	590	400	-
	Newton	Newton	4	2	-	1	32	-	-	14	25-	4	2	7	7	4	7	17	200	2	-
	Mill Bridge	Thyatira	6	4	-	4	126	-	7	-	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	125	5-	20
	Rowen Mills	Back Creek	3	2	1	1	81	-	2	36	40	-	2	.	7	4	17	4	265	1574	3.
	Fancy Hill	Concord	-				20														
	Rock Cut	Shiloh					42.														
	Unity Hill	Bethesda	3	2	-	-	40	-	5-	-	-	5-	-	-	3	-	-	12	171	-	-
	Bethany ch.	Tabor	3	3	3	-	34	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	15-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stony point	Salem	2	-	-	-	27.														
	Morganton	Brusilla					12.														
	Jefferson	Jefferson					10.														
Licentiates 3.	Concord	Zion	3	1	14	4	48	4	.	34	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	-	33	-
J. C. Kennedy	Mt. Mourne																				
Jas. A. Ramsay	Mill Bridge																				
R. W. McClellan	Statesville.																				
Candidates 6.		Total	141	107	156	71	3475	15-	188	1460	1108	416	163	151	901	877	169	345	10400	5702,	253.

W. W. Thum, Stated Clerk

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Thyatira Church. N.C.

Adjourned meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at Thyatira Church May the 18th 1877, at 11. o'clock A. M. and was called to order & constituted with prayer by the Rev J. Rumple, the last Moderator present.

The roll was made out & the following members were present:
Ministers: Rev Messrs J. Rumple.
P. F. Pfeiffer & Wm. Oliphant.
Ruling Elders: D. A. Davis of Salisbury, Church, Jas. Gibson, Thyatira, Moses Temple Back Creek & J. R. McNeely of Centre.

Presbytery proceeded to hear the trial Sermon of J. A. Ramsay licentiate, with a view to his ordination. from Rom. 5:1. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Rev A. E. Chandler was granted permission to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery.

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Presbytery then proceeded to hear the trial Sermon of Mr R. L. Stimson candidate for licensure from Rom, 8: 8, "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

After which presbytery took recess for 40 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met and proceeded to examine Messrs Ramsay & Stimson on Theology & ecclesiastical History.

The Latin Exegesis, Critical Exercise, & Popular Lecture of Mr R. L. Stimson were opened & Wm. Flinn, P. J. Pemick & J. Rumple respectively, for examination & report.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock
Closed with prayer.

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May 19th 9 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The roll was called &c.

The Committee on the Manual was authorized to correct all manifest errors in the Manual before its publication.

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Rev Wm. Flinn reported that he had examined the Latin Exegesis of Mr R. L. Stimson candidate & recommended that it be sustained as part of trial.

Rev P. J. Pemick reported that he had examined the Critical Exercise of the same & recommended its approval as part of trial.

Rev J. Rumple reported that he had examined the Popular Lecture of the same & recommended that it be approved as a part of trial.
These reports were each adopted.

It was resolved that that part of the minutes of the last regular meeting referring to the installation of Mr Jas. A. Ramsay over Back Creek Church be reconsidered, and that Rev J. Rumple and R. W. Boyd be directed to appear at Back Creek church and install Mr Ramsay over that church on the 4th day of June next. at 11 o'clock A. M.

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The Examination of Messrs Jas. A. Ramsay & R.S. Stinson was resumed, when they were examined on the Sacraments & Church Government.

On motion, the Examination of Messrs Jas. A. Ramsay & R.S. Stinson was sustained as a whole & all parts, when Presbytery proceeded to license Mr R.S. Stinson as a probationer for the Holy ministry after the usual ~~for~~ form, & at his own request, granted him leave to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery until our next regular meeting.

R.S. Stinson licensed

Rev J. Rumple, in the absence of Rev A.D. Hepburn D.D., was appointed to deliver the charge to the Congregation of Thyatira.

Recess was then had for ten minutes.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to the Ordination & installation of Mr Jas. A. Ramsay. Rev P.J. Pannill preached the Ordination Sermon & propased the Constitutional questions - when

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Jas A. Ramsay ordained & installed.

Mr Ramsay was solemnly ordained to the full work of the Ministry by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and installed pastor of the Thyatira Church.

Recess was then taken for one hour.

After recess Presbytery met - when Rev E.W. Sharp delivered the charge to the pastor, & Rev J. Rumple the charge to the Congregation.

J.H. Cotton Rec'd

Rev J.H. Cotton was received on Certificate, after examination, from Indian Presbytery, & his name enrolled.

Standing Rules added

The following rules were added to the Standing Rules:
In all cases where money is loaned to a beneficiary, he shall be required to give the best security in his power; and the Treasurer of Presbytery shall have discretion as to the acceptance of such security; and the written consent of the parent or guardian of said beneficiary, if a minor, shall be filed with his obligation.

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At every regular full meeting of this Presbytery, there shall be a free conversation on the State of religion, in which the special subjects of inquiry shall be:

1. Attendance upon the public services of the Sanctuary.
2. Family worship.
3. Prayer meetings.
4. Observance of the Sabbath.
5. Temperance.
6. Bible Classes & Sabbath Schools.
7. Contributions to the causes of Christian benevolence.
8. Any facts going to show the Spiritual condition of the church.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Mooresville on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath of Sept. next at 7 o'clock P.M.

Closed with prayer.

Wm. P. Chambers
Stated Clerk.

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Sept 13. ✓ ✓

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, at Mooresville, Sept 13th 1877. 11½ o'clock P.M. & was opened with a sermon by the last moderator Rev R. W. Boyd from Mark 1:17: "And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, & I will make you to become fishers of men."

After sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer

The roll of ministers & churches was called. Present:

Ministers:

T. A. Paxton.
E. F. Rockwell
G. M. Gibbs.
A. G. Crawford
P. J. Pennick.
D. G. Brall
T. G. Thurston
Wm W. Chain
G. McKinnon
J. M. Wharey.
R. W. Boyd.
P. P. Winn
J. K. Glasgow
J. W. Collon
J. A. Ramsay

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Ruling Elders: Churches
J. C. McElroy — Siloam
H. C. Hamilton — Tennor.
R. M. Johnston — Gibb's Mission
C. Rankin — Back Creek.
M. G. Morrison — Bethany.
E. McNeely — Bethesda
T. A. Fleming — Bethphage
A. N. McNinch — Concord Town
Dr J. R. B. Adams — Fifth Creek
W. N. Kingsbade — Franklin.
Thos. Brown. Mooresville
J. L. Brady — Prospect & Mooresville
A. J. Sigle — Newton.
D. S. Caldwell — Poplar Tent.
Dr J. R. Wilson — Rocky River
M. W. Mundale — Salem
J. E. McNeely — Salisbury
J. S. Bradley — Statesville.
J. W. Fisher — Zion.

Absentees — Ministers absent without written excuse: Saml. Lindsley. T. P. Johnston. R. B. Anderson J. Rumple. J. H. Thornwell. A. E. Chandler J. W. Davis.

Chs — Churches unrepresented: Bethel. Drusilla. Jefferson. Marion. Morganton. Tabor. Wilkesboro. Unity & Third Creek.

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Mod. &c. — Rev J. H. Colton was chosen Moderator & E. McKinnon & A. J. Sigle Temporary Clerks.

Rev T. G. Thurston was excused for absence from last regular meeting.

The Minutes of the regular meeting & also the Minutes of an adjourned meeting held at Shylaten were read & the record approved.

Presbytery then adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Sept 14th — Friday morning 9 o'clock
Sept 14th 1877.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.
The roll was called & the Minutes of yesterday read & approved.

excused — Letters of excuse for absence from the present meeting, from Rev D. P. Johnston & Rev J. H. Thornwell were read & sustained as satisfactory.

corresponding members — Rev Messrs D. A. Penick & T. S. Cook of Lexington Presbytery Va, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

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The annual report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read & approved.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:-

On Bills & Overtures: E. F. Rockwell. J. N. Payton & E. McNeely, R.E.

Judicial Com: G. M. Gibb. A. D. Crawford & M. F. Allenson, R.E.

Narrative to Synod: T. G. Thuston. J. M. Blain and A. S. McClintock, R.E.

Finance: L. H. Glasgow. Wm. Plumm and J. E. McNeely, R.E.

Davidson College: E. McKinnon. J. A. Ramsay and Dr J. R. D. Adams R.E.

Minutes of Gen. Assembly: R. W. Boyd. P. P. Penn and W. C. Hamilton R.E.

Devotional Exercises: N. T. Penick. Wm. Plumm and J. L. Craig R.E.

Systematic Benevolence: J. M. Blain. E. D. Simm and A. J. Sigle.

Comm. 1 Mod.

Mr John McC. Lanier, Editor of the N.C. Presbyterian, being present, on invitation, addressed the Presbytery touching the interest of said paper.

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J. C. Kennedy licentiate, made a report as to his labors during the Summer.

An Overture from the Jerusalem Church touching family religion, was read & referred to the Committee on Bills & Overtures.

Rev T. F. Johnston offered his resignation as A&T, of Foreign Missions, which was accepted, & the Rev J. W. Cotton appointed in his stead.

Cotton A&T. For Miss.

Rev S. P. Vinson was appointed A&T, of Sabbath Schools.

The report of the A&T. of Foreign Missions was read & approved & was as follows:-

The A&T. of Foreign Missions would report to the Presbytery of Concord, that the contributions from the churches of this Presbytery for the year ending March 31st 1877 have been as follows:-

Bethany -	$ 19.70
Marion -	57.50
Siloam	10.20
Mocksville	5.00
Williamsboro	4.50
Taylorsville	5.60
Prospect	1.00
Bethesda	3.05

Rep & A&T. For Miss

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Salisbury	$64.87.
Centre	7.00
Bethphage	15.00
Davidson College	143.15-
Statesville	141.93.
Concord Town	38.15-
Morganton	53.10
Third Creek	11.80
Unity	11.46
Poplar Tent	57.31
Lenoir	79.69.
Rocky River	14.75-
Olyatira	6.00
Back Creek	7.50
Drusilla	1.00
Silver Creek Chapel	1.95-
Rev J.E.H.	22.05-
Col Portage Com,	40.00
Miscellaneous	33.15-
Total	$856.41

Sept 1st, Adj. Franklin.

The following 12 churches are credited with no contributions for the year: Fifth Creek, Gibb's Mission, Shiloh, Tabor, Franklin, Mooresville, Bethel, Newton, Zion, Concord (Rudell), Calvary, Jefferson.

This report tributes the sad fact, that instead of advancing 25 per cent

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according to our resolution passed a year ago, we have actually fallen short of our last years contribution by not less than fifty per cent.

T. P. Johnston
Sec't,

Rev Messrs W.A. Wood, A.D. Osburn D.D. and Prof. J.K. Blake & W.S. Stevenson ruling Elders appointed in Presbytery & were excused for tardiness.

Presbytery took recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

W.K. McLelland — W.K. McLelland licentiate, made report as to his labors, & at his request, was granted leave to retain the call from Concord ch, now in his hands until next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Call retained.

J.B. McNeely, ruling elder, was appointed Treasurer pro tempore.

Presbytery then entered into a free conversation on the State of religion in the churches.

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E.A. Stevenson ruling Elder from Taylorsville appeared in Presbytery & was excused for tardiness.

Outline of life & labors of Rev. Jesse Rankin.

Rev B. L. Beall read an outline of the life & labors of Rev. Jesse Rankin deceased, which was rec'd and ordered to be recorded in the Presbytery's Book of Biographical Sketches, & also to be sent to the N.C. Presbyterian for publication.

Presbytery then took a recess until 4 p.m. preaching to night.

After recess.

Presbytery met,

Rev E. F. Rockwell, from the Com. on Bills & overtures, read a report which, as amended, was adopted & was as follows:

Overture from Lenoir adopted.

The Committee recommend that the overture from the Lenoir church be adopted, viz:

The Session of the Lenoir church would respectfully overture Concord Presbytery to add the following question to those which Sessions are required to answer in their Spring reports, viz:

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Is family worship observed, and are the children of the church taught the word of God and the Catechisms of our church, in the households to which they belong?

Family worship order.

The committee further recommend that Presbytery require all our ministers to preach on the subject of family religion, before the next meeting & that then the roll be called to see how far this has been complied with.

Com { E. F. Rockwell, T. H. Paxton & E. McNeely

Pastoral letter.

Rev Messrs B. L. Beall & R. P. Winn & H. C. Hamilton ruling elder, were appointed to prepare a pastoral letter to our Churches on the subject of family religion & report at the adjourned meeting to be held during the Session of Synod at Charlotte.

D. College Trustees nominated.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College reported recommending the re-appointment of Rev W. A. Wood and Mr M. A. Davis to serve for the next four years, adopted.

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Sept 14th Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

+ Closed with prayer.

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Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved,

The committee on Systematic Benevolence reported recommending that the last Synod's report on this subject, be transmitted to Synod.

Rev J. H. Thornwell, commissioner to the late Gen. Assembly at New Orleans, submitted a written report of his attendance which was rec'd & approved & his fidelity commended.

Leave of absence was granted H. C. Hamilton, J. A. McKay ruling elder & Rev D. D. Bradley after this morning's session.

Bethphage was chosen as the place & Wednesday before the 3d Sabbath in April 1878. 11 o'clock A.M. as the time for the next regular meeting of this body.

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Sept 15th Permission was granted Zion church to employ Rev J. H. Thornwell as their Stated supply for one fourth of his time, at a salary of $200.

Zion Ch. to employ J. H. T.

Rev Messrs J. McK. McLarty, J. Rumple & J. H. Thornwell & ruling elders J. C. Barnhardt & A. N. McLinch, were appointed to visit Stanly county & organize a church, if they may be clear.

com. to organize a church in Stanly.

The following was adopted:
Resolved, That, having heard of the efforts of Jefferson church to purchase a house of worship, the Presbytery cordially commends this object to the aid of our Churches; & that they, as soon as practicable, take up a collection for that end, & forward it to the Treasurer of Presbytery subject to the order of the Sustentation Committee.

Resolution Jefferson

The Committee on Colportage made the following report, which was received & approved & the committee discharged:

Our last report showed-

Cash on hands	$7.60
Old debts (mostly bad)	6.65
Books	34.00
Total	48.25

Report on Colportage

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Since then we have sold Books to the amount of - $8.90
Of the above on credit .60
Discount allowed on sales 14.50
Books still on hand about .60

Now on hand cash 7.60 + 8.30 = 15.90.
Books still on hand - - 60
Old debts (mostly bad) 7.25
Discount - 14.50
Total - 38.25

Colportage report.

Com. { G. McKinnon
M. M. Gillon

The balance of books in the hands of the Colportage Committee were presented to the Moorsville Sabbath School.

Education Report.

The Committee on Education made the following report, which was received & adopted; viz;
Since the last report of the committee of Education, three of the candidates under our care have been licensed as probationers for the Holy Ministry: Jas. A. Ramsay, W. R. McClelland & R. A. Stinson; & the first named of these Mr Ramsay, has been ordained to the full work of the ministry.

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Mr Stinson received during the last year, from the Treasurer, by order of the committee $110.00.
There are now five candidates under our care:- W. P. Julian, C. W. Robinson, J. D. Rowe, D. J. Fetzer & S. W. White.
All these have received Home aid from the Committee during the last year except Messrs Julian & Fetzer.
Mr Julian finished his first term in N. T. Seminary about 18 months ago, at which time he received from this committee $25.00 which had been promised him by the former Committee.

Education Report.

The report of his general department & attention to his studies during his abode in the Seminary, was very good.
During the past year he has been engaged in teaching in order to render pecuniary aid to his mother & sister & also to pursue his theological course.
He proposes to engage in the same occupation another year for the same reasons; at the end of which time he hopes to finish his theological course without further interruption.
Messrs Robinson & Rowe have completed their first year in

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Columbia Seminary: Mr Robinson receiving from the Committee fifty dollars & Mr Rowe sixty five dollars.

The reports of their religious department & Scholarship are very satisfactory.

They are recommended to be continued as beneficiaries.

Mr White has passed his Freshman term at A. College & has been advanced to the Sophomore class.

His diligence in Study & his religious department are reported as very good.

He is recommended to be continued as a beneficiary.

Ed. Rept.

Mr Fetzer, during the past year has been engaged with his brother in the mercantile business with the approval of his pastor, who is acquainted with his pecuniary difficulties & the reasons of the temporary suspension of his Studies.

He hopes at no distant day he will be able to resume his Studies!

The Committee, since its appointment 18 months ago, have made appropriations to the several beneficiaries to the amount of $350,00:-

To W. P. Julian	$ 25.00
" M. D. Stinson	100.00
" C. W. Robinson	50.00
" J. Rowe	65-
" A. W. White	100.00

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The amount now in the hands of the Treasurer for the cause of Education is $275.85-.

It cannot now be positively ascertained how much aid our beneficiaries will need during the next 12 months, probably from $75 to $100 each.

We have reason to believe that the amt now in the hands of the Treasurer, together with the sums which will be contributed by the congregations during the current year will meet the demands of the beneficiaries.

Education Report.

The ministers of the Presbytery are recommended to acquaint their several congregations with the present Scheme of beneficiary education, & the rule on this subject adopted recently by the Presbytery & urge their people to make more liberal contributions to the cause of Education

Com { P. D. Pennick
Wm W. Phair
J. R. Blake

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The committee on the minutes of the Gen'l Assembly made a report which, as amended, was adopted & was as follows:

The Committee recommend that in addition to the injunction found on page 419 of the printed Minutes Resolution 1st viz:

Report on Minutes of Gen'l Assy.

Resolved, That it be enjoined on all the Presbyteries to require each Pastor & Stated Supply, at the commencement of every ecclesiastical year, to preach an instructive, faithful sermon on the duty of sending the Gospel to the unevangelized nations of the earth, & while the impression of responsibility rests upon them, adopt some plan, which in their estimation may prove most successful, towards augmenting the gifts of the people; and determine, through help from on high, that the plan shall be executed.

The committee would also direct the attention of Presbytery to resolutions 3 & 4 on page 420, touching the interests of the Institution for the Education of the Colored candidates for the ministry, under the care of Rev Stillman & Prof A. F. Dickson

com { Dr. W. Boyd
P. P. Wenn
W. C. Hamilton

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Book of Ch. Order referred

That part of the minutes of the Assembly touching the Book of Church Order was referred to the next regular meeting of this body.

The Committee of Finance made the following report which was received & approved:

Report on Finance

The committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's Books & find that he acknowledges balances in his hands as follows:

For Sustentation	-	$ 29.86
" For Mission	-	31.52
" Education	-	275.85
" Publication	-	154.45
" Commissioner's Fund		74.17
" Donated	"	31.67 + 9.80 = 41.47
" Evangelistic	"	36.00 + 9.90 = 44.90

To these we add the sums sent up by several churches at this meeting of Presby'y.

com { Jo. R. Glasgow
J. D. McNeely
Wm. P. Chambers

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The Judecial Committee reported that no business had come into their hands & asked to be discharged. The report was rec'd & the committee discharged.

Transaction Order

The Treasurer was ordered to pay $5. out of the Presbyterial Fund, to the Ed & the Editor of the Lenoir Topic for printing the Standing rules of Presbytery.

Rep't, on Publication

The Ag't, of Publication made the following report, which was rec'd & approved:
The Ag't, of Publication would report that 19 of our churches have contributed during the past year to this cause the sum of $169. an increase over the contributions of the previous year of $33.
16 Churches failed to contribute, viz: Gibb's Mission. Franklin. Milksboro. Prospect Centre. Statesville. Lenoir. Olyatica. Concord Pisgah, Shiloh, Bethesda. Tabor Salem, Drusilla. Jefferson & Zion.
The Assembly's Committee during the past year has published but three new books: "The "Holy Sabbath" a prize essay by Rev Jas. Lacy D.D. & two tract volumes: "An appeal to Baptized Children of the Church" & "A Word to Christian Parents."
In addition the Committee has prepared & issued Minutes Books for Presbyteries

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and Church Sessions and a church Register.
The issues from the press during the year have been 489.85½ Bound Volumes; 197.300 Tract Volumes & pamphlets; & 317.000 Catechisms.
The joint publication by our Committee & the Board of the N.C.A. Church was discontinued last year, & the publication of the Earnest Worker in bi-monthly issues was resumed by the Committee.
This latter paper will hereafter be issued Monthly in pamphlet form & be devoted to the interests of Sab. Schools work.

Rep't on Publication

The Children's Friend continues to be published as formerly.
The publication cause has sustained a severe shock in the default of the late Secretary Rev E. T. Baird D.D. which was discovered last March & soon thereafter made public. The loss in money amts, $22.000, & it was found that the loss of public confidence in the churches' agencies would be almost irreparable. But the prompt & prudent action of the Committee & Church Courts & the timely liberality of a few individuals & churches have, it is hoped, largely restored public confidence.

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The cause however, can be extricated from its present embarrassment, & started on a course of prosperity only by the prompt liberality of the churches.

R. W. Boyd Sec'y

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report, made report of the sums of contributions paid to him during the sessions of Presbytery, from the churches, for the different objects of benevolence, which report was rec'd & the money ordered to be paid over to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

Narrative to Synod.

The Committee on the Narrative to the Synod, offered the following which was rec'd & ordered to be transmitted to Synod:

The pers conversation on the State of religion in our churches reveals a hopeful, although not an altogether satisfactory condition. The attendance upon the public ordinances of religion has been uniformly good, while the minutes an evident quickening of interest is discerned in some churches.

Very few churches report that they have no prayer meetings, while the number of those regularly conducted & well sustained is encouraging.

Sabbath Schools & Bible classes are flourishing & the sense of their importance

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takes strong hold upon the mind and heart of our christian laborers.

The admissions to church members-hip have been few & scattering in comparison with our hopes.

The benevolent contributions show a falling off, which fact may be due, in part, to material causes which have reduced the amount of the offering, while the spirit of the giver has retained its fervor.

The day of the Lord has been blessed observed with the usual outward decorum.

Narrative

But there are two aspects of our present situation which fill us with shame & anxiety. We cannot, without alarm, view the flourishing evils of intemperance which openly confront us, while some of our members are accomplices and victims of the enemies of temperance: & the neglect of family worship is widespread & lamentable, & inquiring only reveals more clearly the woful causes & its results. But even these depressing facts are not without some relieving omens of cheer; for the first evil is visibly strengthening the uncompromising spirit of temperance, & the second has been revealed by a more faithful pastoral watch-fulness that will not rest until the evil is abated.

T. G. Thurston Clerk

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A vote of thanks was tendered to the citizens of Mooresville & vicinity for their pleasant & hospitable entertainment of the members of Presbytery, & also to the several Railroads for reduced fare.

The minutes were read & approved.

Adj'd meeting.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Charlotte N.C. during the Session of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

William W. Pharr.
Stated Clerk

Approved with the exception the minutes were not examined last fall

John Douglas
Moderator

Second Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N.C.
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Adjourned meeting.

Oct 25.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, in the 2nd Presbyterian church Charlotte N.C. Oct 25th 1877, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator Rev J. B. Cotton.

Present, ministers:

T. K. Paxton.
A. L. Brall.
J. M. Wharey
T. G. Thurston
Wm. R. Pharr
E. E. Rockwell
J. N. Ramsay
J. Rumple
R. B. Anderson
J. B. Cotton.

Ruling Elders:-

H. C. Hamilton - of Second Church
E. B. Stimson - " Statesville "
A. C. McIntosh " Taylorsville "
J. D. Gamble " Marion "
R. A. Alexander " Centre "
R. W. McCombs Gilbertsboro
J. M. Avery " Rocky River "
Dr. J. R. B. Adams " Fifth Creek "
Rich'd Culbertson " Unity "
J. M. Alexander " Concord "
J. H. McC. Ruth " Salisbury "

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Rev A. E. Chandler dismissed

Rev A. E. Chandler was dismissed at his own request, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Macon, Ga.

Robt. S. Stinson, licentiate, was transferred at his own request, to the care of East Hanover Presbytery Va.
Rob't S. Stinson transferred.

A written report from Dr R. T. Beall, commissioner to the last Gen'l Assembly, of his attendance, was read & approved, and the Treasurer ordered to pay him $24.85 the balance due for traveling expenses.
R. T. Beall report.
Treasurer ordered &c.

The Committee appointed to prepare a pastoral letter to the churches, on the subject of Family Religion, presented a report, which was read- pending the discussion of which, Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow at 4. o'clock P. M.
Closed with prayer.
Report of Com. on pastoral letter

Oct 26th
Presbytery met according to adjournment. The roll was called.
Present as before, with the addition of Rev P. D. Bemis & Rev J. McKinnon and Ruling Elders J. R. Blake.
The unfinished business was taken up, and the Stated Clerk directed

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to offer the pastoral letter on Family Religion to the Editor of the N.C. Presbyterian for publication, and the pastors & Stated Supplies of our churches to read it to the churches, in case it should be published.
Pastoral letter &c.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay over the funds in his hands for Publication to the Committee of Publication in Richmond Va.
Treasurer ordered &c.

The minutes were read & approved.
Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Bethphage Church on Wednesday the 17th day of April 1878. 11. o'clock A. M.
Closed with prayer.
William M. Starr
Stated Clerk

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March 7.

Morganton N.C.

Pro renata meeting.

In pursuance of the following call of the Moderator; viz:

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Feb 22, 1878.

Rev B. L. Brall asking for a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of North Texas (U.S.A.) and a Special meeting of Concord Presbytery having been asked for in due form. Said meeting for said purpose is called to meet at Morganton Church March the 7th at 7 o'clock P.M.

J. H. Colton (Mod.)

The Presbytery of Concord met in the Presbyterian Church Morganton March the 7th 1878. 7 o'clock P.M. & was opened with a Sermon by Rev P.P. Winn & constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Present: Ministers J. H. Colton, R. B. Anderson & P. P. Winn.
Ruling Elders: Alexander Perkins & B. L. Brall.

Dr B. L. Brall ruling elder was chosen as temporary clerk.

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The request of Rev D. L. Read for a letter of dismission to North Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, was granted, and the following

D. L. Read dismiss'd, resolutions adopted:

Res, 1. That in granting this request we can not refrain from expressing our regret at parting with Bro Reid, whose laborious life, devotion, & efficiency among us we shall always remember

Res, 2. That we cordially commend him to the confidence & fellowship of the brethren among whom his lot is now cast,

Res, 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent with his letter of dismission to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of North Texas.

Presbytery then closed with prayer.

Wm W. Pharr
Stated Clerk. C

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Bethphage Church N.C.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at Bethphage Church, April 17th 1878, 11. o'clock A.M. and was opened with a Sermon by the last moderator, Rev J. H. Gillon from Acts 2:39. After which the Presbytery was constituted with prayer

The roll was called & the following members were present:

Ministers:
Rev W. Boyd.
J. H. Gillon.
A. L. Crawford.
E. P. Glasgow.
L. McKinnon.
P. J. Pearce
Wm Y. Sharp
E. F. Rockwell
J. Rumple
J. H. Thornwell.
T. G. Thurston
P. P. Winn.

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Ruling elders.	Churches.
M. G. Morrison.	Bethany.
Dr J. B. Alexander.	Bethel
C. M. B. Goodnight.	Bethphage
J. M. Alexander.	Concord (Endell)
M. M. Gillon.	Concord Town.
P. Gay.	Fifth Creek.
W. M. Kincaid.	Franklin.
R. W. Johnston.	Hickory
E. W. Fancette.	Lenoir.
T. F. Beaty.	Prospect.
J. H. Gavin.	Newton.
N. T. Johnston	Poplar Tent.
N. G. White	Rocky River.
J. Lentz.	Salem.
Wm. Murdock.	Salisbury.
J. H. Stimson.	Shiloh.
E. B. Stimson	Statesville.
J. M. Stimson	Taylorsville.
Dr J. G. Ramsay	Third Creek.
A. F. Goodman.	Thyatira.
J. T. Finley	Wilkesboro.
S. W. White.	Zion.

Rev P. P. Winn was chosen Moderator and Rev J. Rumple & E. W. Fancette temporary Clerks.

Presbytery then took a recess for one hour.

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After recess.

Presbytery met.

The Minutes of an adjourned meeting held at Charlotte & also of a "pro re nata" meeting held at Morganton were read and approved.

Excuses

Rev J. Rumple gave excuse for absence from last regular meeting, which was sustained.

Bethel. Wilkesboro. & County. reported that they appointed elders to represent them at the last meeting & held them to account.

A communication from the Secretary of the Genl. Assembly's Committee of publication was read & referred to the Agent of Publication.

T. N. P. excused

A letter was read from Rev T. N. Paxton rendering satisfactory reasons for his absence from the present meeting.

An Overture from Prospect church was read & referred to the Committee on Bills & Overtures.

A communication from the Seneca church was read & referred to the same committee.

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The Moderator announced the following Standing committees:

1 On the Narrative to the Genl. Assembly- Rev J. McKinnon & Dr J. B. Alexander & M. G. Morrison. R. E.

2 Evangelistic work:- Rev A. L. Cranford J. M. Alexander & M. M. Dillon.

Coms. 3 Systematic Benevolence- Rev J. M. Wharey. W. M. Kincaid & R. W. Johnston.

4 On Minutes of Synod- Rev E. F. Rockwell & E. W. Fancette.

5 Finance- Rev W. S. Pemick & C. F. Beaty

6 On Records &c. of Sustentation Committee - Rev J. G. Thurston & J. W. Garvin & Nat. Johnston, ruling elders.

7 Judicial Committee- Rev R. W. Boyd A. G. White & J. Canty.

8 Bills & Overtures- Rev J. W. Dillon J. W. Thornwell & C. B. Stinson (R E)

9 Devotional Exercises- Rev Messrs. Plumer & A. M. S. Goodnight. & R.

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15. Our Sessional Records:- Revs. J. H. Glasgow, J. A. Ramsay & J. T. Linly
S. W. White & E. A. Perkins ruling elders.

Pby J. M. Wharey excused.

Rev J. M. Wharey appeared in Presbytery & gave Satisfactory Reasons for tardiness.

The consideration of the Book of Church Order was made the first order for tomorrow after noon.

Book of Ch. Order

Revs A. L. Crawford, P. D. Kennedy & Dr J. G. Ramsay were appointed a Committee to bring in a minute on the Book of Church Order, for the action of Presbytery.

Narratives Statistical Reports &c

The narratives from the churches on the State of religion were read & referred to the Committee on the narratives.
The Statistical reports from the churches were also read & placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.
The reports from the churches on Sabbath Schools, Systematic & Benevolence were referred, without reading, to the respective committees.

Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 O'Clock. Closed with Prayer.

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Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer by Rev E. F. Rockwell.

The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday's Sessions read, corrected & approved.

Members appear

Revs W. A. Wood, R. B. Anderson & E. A. Perkins, ruling elder from Morganton, appeared in Presbytery & rendered Satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

A communication from Taylorsville Church, asking leave to employ Rev D. G. Thurston as Stated supply, was read & referred to the Sustentation Committee.

Report on Narratives

The committee to whom the narratives of the churches were referred that the following narratives be approved as follows:
Taylorsville with exceptions.
Third Creek - with exceptions
Fifth Creek " "
Mooresville " "
Poplar Tent " "
Statesville " "

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Prospect - without exceptions.
Concord Town " "
Rocky River " "
Bethel - without exceptions.

N.A.J. Corresponding member.

Rev W. A. Julian, of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

J. C. Steele appeal referred

The Stated Clerk presented a paper containing an appeal on the part of Mr J. C. Steele from the decision of the Session of Fifth Creek Church, with the reasons therefor - which was read & referred to the Judicial Committee.

Report of Com. to Organize in Stanly Co.

Rev J. M. Blakey, from the committee to organize a church in Stanly Co. reported that they found it inexpedient hitherto, to organize a church there, but hoped the way might be open this Summer. The report was approved & the committee continued.

Minister approved.

Rev A. A. Kennaday appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

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R. W. McLelland declined Call from Concord Ch.

R. W. McLelland licentiate, being called upon to answer as to his acceptance of the call from Concord church (Sudduth) retained in his hands, formally declined to accept the same. The Stated Clerk was directed to return the call to said church.

W. R. McL. and Rev. T. R. Ussery

At the request of W. R. McLelland licentiate, a certificate of transfer was granted, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Eastern Texas.

Commissioners to Gen. Assy.

Rev J. Rumple as principal, with Rev J. T. Pence as his alternate, and Richard Culbertson ruling elder from Unity Church as principal, with Dr J. B. Alexander, ruling elder from Central Church, as his alternate - were chosen as commissioners to the next Gen. Assembly to meet at Knoxville Tenn.

Place & time of next meeting

Statesville was chosen as the place, & Thursday the 26th of September next 7. o'clock P.M. as the time of the next semi-annual meeting of this Presbytery.

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Rev W.W. Chairs from the committee on Devotional Exercises made report recommending that Presbytery hear the Trial Sermon, for licensure, of Charles W. Robinson Candidate, at 11½ o'clock today - which report was adopted.

Trial Sermon C.W. Robinson.

Revd R. B. Anderson, J. A. Ramsay & E. A. Perkins ruling elder were appointed to suggest subjects for trial sermon for Mr J. D. Grove Candidate.

Presbytery took recess for fifteen minutes.

After recess.

Sermon of C. W. Rob.

Presbytery met & heard the trial Sermon for licensure, of C. W. Robinson from

After Sermon the Presbytery took recess for one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

Book of Church Order reported

The committee appointed to bring in a minute touching The Book of Church Order reported the following, which was adopted: The Committee recommend that the following be the order of proceedure in voting:-

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1st That a separate & distinct vote be taken upon the parts indicated in the overture of the Assembly.

2nd That a vote then be taken upon the Book as a whole.

Book of Ch. Order Examined

Presbytery then proceeded to examine the parts of the Book of Church Order indicated by the Assembly, with the following results:

Of Form of Government

Ch V. Sec. iv. art. ii. was rejected.
Ch. V. Sec. iv. art. v. was adopted.
Ch. V. Sec. vii, arts. I. II. III. & IV - adopted
Ch. VI. Sec. iii, forms I & II. were rejected & form III was adopted.

Presbytery then adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Friday April 19. 1878

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. at 9 o'clock according to adjournment.

The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

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Pastoral relation dissolved

Rev J. M. Thomwell asked & gave reasons for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself & the Poplar Tent Church. The congregation of Poplar Tent having united with their pastor in the request, though reluctantly, Presbytery dissolved the relation & directed Rev J. M. Wilson to preach at said church & declare the fact to the congregation:

Secretary's report.

W. R. McClelland licentiate, presented a report of his labors during the past year. Also J. C. Kennedy licentiate gave a verbal report of his labors during the year past, which reports were received & approved.

Sus. Com. Report.

Rev J. Rumple from the committee of Sustentation presented their annual report, which was accepted & referred to the "committee on the report & Records" of said committee, with the exception of the following resolution appended to said report which was adopted:-

Resolution adopted

Resolved, That this Presbytery requires each minister under its charge to report at each Spring meeting of Presbytery, in the narrative from the church or churches under his care,

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Resolution adopted.

the whole number of sermons preached - the number of prayer-meetings held. & also the number of pastoral visits made.

Recess was taken for five minutes to meet in the Session House.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

The trial sermon of Mr C. W. Robinson preached yesterday, was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

Boards on Examination.

The moderator appointed the following ruling elders on the Committee of Examination:

On Languages:- Prof J. R. Blake & Dr J. B. Alexander

On Arts & Sciences- Dr J. P. Ramsay & Prof J. R. Blake.

Ecclesiastical History- E. A. Linnson & R. W. Johnston.

Theology & Sacraments- Wm Murdoch & J. A. Gamin.

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Report on Records

Rev L. T. Gladgow from the committee on Sessional Records, presented a Report which was received & ammended & approved and the exceptions noted on the books to which they were taken respectively.

Resolution adopted.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved. That this Presbytery enjoins upon Church Sessions, that in regular meetings, the Session be opened & closed with prayer; & the fact recorded in the minutes.

Report on Narratives.

Rev D. McKinnon from the committee to which the narratives of the Churches were referred made a report recommending that the narratives pass:

Unity be approved with exceptions.
Siloam. approved with exceptions
Olyatica " " "
Bethany " " "
Back Creek " " "
Bethesda " " "
Bethphage " " "
Concord (Dudley) " " "
Marion " " "
Tabor " " "
Hickory " " "
Shiloh " " "
Franklin " " "

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Zion - approved
Davidson College. Approved.
Mocksville "
Central "
Newton "
Morganton "
Milkboro "
Lenoir "
Salisbury "

This report was adopted & the exceptions noted on the narratives to which they were taken respectively - & ordered to be returned to the Clerks of Sessions.

Narratives reported.

The same committee offered the following additional report which was received & approved:

The following churches report the pastors salary fully paid:

Prospect. Mocksville. Concord Town. Bethel. Zion. Lenoir. Hickory. Shiloh. Davidson College. Mocksville. Morganton. Newton. Concord (Dudley) Milkboro. Salisbury. Back Creek. Central.

The following report averages:

Rocky River. Fifth Creek. Upper Dutch. Statesville. Third Creek. Taylorsville. Bethesda. Bethany. Tabor. Marion. Unity. Olyatica. Siloam. Bethphage. Franklin.

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Rev R. H. Bond from the judicial committee presented the following report which was rec'd & adopted:

Judicial com. Report. J.B. Steel.

The judicial committee would report that they find the Appeal of Mr J.C. Steel from the decision of Fifth Creek Session upon the Charges Tabled against him in said Session on 22nd Inst. to be in order, & recommend that in hearing it, Presbytery proceed in accordance with the requirements of the Book of Discipline Chapter VII. Sec III. Arts. VIII & IX.

The Committee on Bills & Overtures made the following report which was adopted:

The Committee recommend that to the following Overture from Lenoir Church:

Overture from Lenoir ans'd

To the Moderator of Concord Presbytery:

At a meeting of the Congregation of the Church of Bethphage, Called & held March 20th 1878 to consider the pastor's Salary, the undersigned were appointed a committee to Overture Presbytery in regard to the same.

In pursuance of this appointment we state that the Deacons after visiting the subscribers to the pastor's Salary, report that owing to the present financial depression, not more than $400. could be raised,

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In behalf of the congregation we therefore promise to give Rev P.P. Winn $400. per annum for one half of his time, dating from the 1st of April 1878. the same to be paid in quarterly installments in advance; & any amounts collected above the $400. will be paid in the same manner.

We would further State that we have informed our pastor of our condition, & have stated to him the action of the congregation as embodied in this paper.

P.P.W. Salary changed.

We therefore petition that the congregation be released from the obligation to pay $500. and that $400. be substituted - provided the Pastor shall concur with us.

Com. { E.W. Fancette, R.L. Beall, G.W. Harper }

The following answer be given: Concord Presbytery agrees to change the sum named in the Call from $500. to $400; but while commending the candor of the Lenoir Church in this action, yet we would express our disapproval of the implied inference that "the present financial depression" is a just cause for reducing a minister's support.

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The committee on Bills & Overtures also reported on Overture No 2. from Prospect Church, recommending that said overture be answered in the affirmative, viz;
"Is retailing ardent spirits as a beverage by a member of the Church an offence deserving the disciplinary action of the session of the church."
This report was adopted.

Overture from Prospect. ans.

Rev A. L. Crawford from the committee on Evangelistic work, offered the following which was rec'd & adopted:

Concord Presbytery would respectfully report to the Gen. Assembly that, we have no Evangelist so called in the field, but are endeavoring to do the work through the agency of skilled pastors & stated supplies. And whilst all has not been accomplished in this way that could be desired, yet good has resulted from effort in this direction.

Evangelistic work. report.

We hear that there is not that interest generally felt in this important cause that should be, resulting no doubt measurably from the fact that we have no men in the field specially devoted to this work.

We infer this from the meager contributions of those churches which have taken up collections in behalf of this cause, as also from the

fact that many of our churches have taken up no collection at all. We trust that the day is not far distant when we shall be able to put one or more Evangelists in the field & thus work up the vast territory that lies within our bounds & which is already white unto the harvest.

Rev T. G. Thurston from the committee to which the report of the Sustentation committee was referred made the following report which was adopted:

The committee recommend that the report of the Sustentation Committee be approved.

Sust. Com. appointed.

They would also nominate the following Committee for the present year:

Rev J. Rumple
" W. A. Wood
" L. McGilvinnon
" J. M. Whaley.
&
Dr J. J. Summerell
J. M. Dorah
M. F. Cannon
C. R. White.

Judicial case.

The hearing of the judicial case from Ebenezer church was made the first order of the day for tomorrow.

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Leave of absence was granted E. W. Doucette ruling elder, after this evening's session.

Presbytery then took a recess for one hour.

Afternoon recess.

Presbytery met and entered upon the examination of the Book of Discipline with the following result:

Book of Discipline examined,

Book of Discipline-

Chapter III. Sec. I. was adopted. Sec. II rejected.
Chapter VIII. Sec. X. adopted.
Chapter XII. Sec. I. adopted.
Chapter XIII. Sec. II & III adopted.

On motion, the Book as a whole, as thus amended, was adopted.

C. H. Robinson examined

Rev L. H. Glasgow from the Standing Com. on the Languages reported that they had examined Mr C. H. Robinson on the Hebrew & recommended that his examination be sustained, which report was adopted.

He also reported that they had examined the Location, Legacy & Critical Pericope of Mr Robinson which were referred the same com. - with & recommended that they be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial, which was adopted.

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The Lecture of Mr Robinson on the 1st Psalm, was referred to the Standing committee on Theology for examination.

C. H. Robinson examined

The Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr Robinson, Candidate, on Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, Theology and the Sacraments- these examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

Rev Wm W. Pharr from the Standing Committee on Theology, reported that they had examined the Lecture of Mr Robinson referred to them & recommended that it be sustained as satisfactory, which was adopted.

On motion the Examination of Mr Robinson was sustained as a whole.

C. H. Robinson's request. Com. appointed.

At the request of Rev E. W. Paxton, a commission consisting of Rev E. B. Anderson, Rev J. W. Colton & Rev W. A. Wood and ruling elders W. C. Hamilton & E. A. Perkins were appointed to visit Mr Paxton's Charge for the purpose of reconciling difficulties in said Charge.

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Mt. Synod Report.

Rev E. F. Rockwell from the committee on the Minutes of Synod, reported that there was nothing in said Minutes calling for the action of Presbytery, which report was rec'd & the committee discharged.

H. W. Flynn Rec'd

The Stated Clerk presented a Telegraphic dispatch from A. D. Reid, a minister of North Mississippi Presbytery, stating to H. W. Flynn that a transfer had been granted to him by said Presbytery & that the Stated Clerk had been ordered to write. Whereupon it was resolved that Mr H. W. Flynn be received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

H. P. Julian Exam'd.

Rev E. F. Rockwell from the Standing Committee on the Arts & Sciences reported that they had examined H. P. Julian, candidate, on those subjects & recommend that his examination thus far be sustained as satisfactory.

H. W. Flynn was referred to the respective committees for his examination on his literary course & it was ordered that his pieces be referred to the committee,

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Sys. Bev. Report.

Rev G. M. Wharey presented a report on Systematic Benevolence, which was received & ordered to be transmitted to the Gen'l Assembly.

H. P. Julian Exam'd.

Rev L. H. Glasgow from the Standing committee on Languages reported that they had examined Mr H. P. Julian on Latin & Greek & recommended that the examination be sustained, which was adopted.

Trial pieces of H. W. Flynn

Rev R. B. Anderson from the committee to suggest subjects for trial pieces for H. W. Flynn candidate, reported recommending the following, which was adopted:-

For Popular Sermon - Matt. XI: 28
" Lecture - Isaiah LXI. 1-3.
Critical Exercise - 1 Pet. III: 21-22.
Latin Exegesis - An sit Christus deus?

Leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted H. G. Thomson, ruling elder, upon to day's sessions.

Rec'd Read Letter.

A communication was read from Rev. B. Neal, ruling elder of Jefferson church, which was received & docketed.

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Clusters report.

Leave Absy

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The action of Presbytery on the records of Poplar Tent was reconsidered & the Records a/p. owned with the exception that one minute was written in pencil.

Rev R. W. Boyd read a report from Browns & Davie Clusters of Churches which was received as information.

J. D. Finley was granted leave of absence after this evening's Session.

Rev I. McKinnon from the committee on the Narrative, presented a report which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow morning 9. o'clock.
Closed with Prayer.

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Leave Absn

Gibbs Mission Changed to Hickory.

Taylorsville D. S. Thurston

Zion McKinnon

Sab. School Reports.

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Saturday morning
9. o'clock. April 20th 1878.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected & approved.

Leave was granted Rev R. W. Boyd & Dr J. G. Ramsay after this morning's Session.

At the request of the ~~Elder from~~ Gibbs Mission Church, the name of said Church was changed from Gibbs Mission to Hickory.

Taylorsville Church was granted leave to employ Rev D. S. Thurston for one year as Stated supply, for half his time, at a Salary of $250.

Zion Church obtained leave to employ Rev I. McKinnon two Sabbaths evenings a month at a Salary of $100. per annum.

Rev O. P. Winn, presented a report on Sabbath Schools, which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

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Rev P. D. Pierce from the committee of Finance made the following report which was accepted & adopted:

We have examined the Treasurer's Book & accounts & find them correctly kept & the disbursements accompanied with the proper Vouchers.

Finance Com. Rept.

There are in the Treasurer's book the following sums of money, now in his hand:-

Sustentation -	$106.60.
For Missions -	221.41.
Education -	39.49.
Publication -	35.61.
Commissioners Fund -	57.32
Invalid Fund -	99.05-
Evangelistic Fund -	48.45-
For Jefferson Church -	30.85-

There have been received by the Committee of Finance during the present Sessions of Presbytery the following amounts:

Sustentation -	$ 66.53.
For Missions	76.83
Education	53.10
Publication	24.25-
Commissioners Fund	317.00
Invalid Fund	14.15-
Evangelistic Fund	23.50

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For Jefferson Church -	$6.00
Making a total of	581.66.

Making in the Treasury a total as follows:

Sustentation -	$ 173.13.
Foreign Missions -	298.14
Education	92.59.
Publication	59.92
Commissioner's Fund	368.32
Invalid Fund	113.20
Evangelistic Fund	72.25-
For Jefferson Church	36.85-

Ramsay on Ecc. History.

Rev J. A. Ramsay was assigned on the Standing committee on Ecclesiastical History & Church Government.

W. H. Glynn Lect.

2 Cor, 5th Chapter was assigned, as the basis for popular Lecture, to W. H. Glynn candidate.

Rev J. A. Ramsay was appointed temporary Clerk, in place of Rev J. Rumple, until after the judicial trial of the case of Rev J. C. Stitt.

Stated Clerk, Orders.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have printed on the 4th page, of the forms for reports on the narratives from the churches. The resolution passed yesterday touching Ministers reports as to the number of sermons preached &c,

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St Clk, Excused &c.

The State Clerk was excused from having the question on Family Religion inserted in the present questions, as the same question is asked in the reports at Fall Session.

1st Paid 1st Clk

The committee of Finance was directed to pay the State Clerk his Salary & accts, now due, amounting to fifty two dollars.

The case of the appeal of Mr J. C. Steel was then taken up. The motion Wm Murdoch ruling Elder had the Presbytery in Prayer for divine guidance.

J. C. Steel appeal tried

The following sentence of the Session of Fifth, appealed from was read:
"The Session of Fifth Creek Church, having exercised a great deal of patience & spent a great deal of time in taking testimony in the case of Mr Steel, & often giving him every opportunity to vindicate himself, are constrained to say that he has not succeeded in doing so - but has shown a very unchristian spirit throughout - It is therefore resolved, that in view of the whole case, that he be suspended from the privileges of the church till he shows evidence of repentance & a Christian spirit. 2nd That this decision be read from the pulpit."

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J. C. Steel tried,

The following appeal & the grounds thereon was then read:
Mr J. C. Steel, having informed the Session of Fifth Creek in a paper dated Dec 21st 1877 of his intention to appeal to Presbytery from the decision of the Session, in a certain case wherein he was charged with wrongfully appropriating to his use a certain Shawl & pins. does hereby respectfully appeal to this Presbytery - upon the grounds of prejudice, injustice & declining to receive important testimony. Also from irregularities which may have existed in the prosecution of the trial,

The whole proceedings of the Session, with all the testimony in the case were then read.
After which Rev J. Rumple, at the request of Mr Steel, & by permission of the court, addressed the Presbytery in behalf of the appellant & in which address he was permitted to read a letter from W. T. Burke, a member of the Fifth Creek Session, stating that Mr Steel had applied to the Session to have his case to Presbytery because of prejudice in Session against him.

Presbytery then took recess for 3/4 of an hour

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After recess.

Presbytery met.
Leave of absence was granted Rev Jo. H. Glasgow & A. F. Goodman.

Presbytery then proceeded to hear Rev E. F. Rockwell (Moderator of the Fifth Creek Session) in behalf of said Session in the case of the appeal of Mr Steel. After which the appellant & all the original parties were permitted to withdraw from the house.

E. F. R. Steel case

The roll was then called & each member of the Presbytery was called upon to give his views & vote in the case which resulted in the sustaining of the appeal. And on motion the sentence against Mr Steel was reversed.

Steel case

Revs A. L. Crawford, J. H. Thornwell & Jas. Jamison, ruling elder, were appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the views of Presbytery in the case.

Rev Jo. H. Glasgow from the Standing Com. on Languages presented the following report which was adopted;

H. W. Glynn examination postponed.

The committee to whom W. W. Glynn candidate was referred for examination beg leave to report, that at his request the committee recommend that their examinations be postponed to some future time.

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Leave of absence was granted J. M. Alexander ruling elder.

C. W. Robinson licensed.

At Bethphage church, April 20th 1878, the Presbytery of Concord proceeded to the licensure of Mr Charles W. Robinson. He having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; & as to his proficiency in divinity & other studies; the Presbytery did, & hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial: & he having adopted the confession of faith of this church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, & hereby do license him the said Charles W. Robinson to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Neal's letter & funds from Jefferson referred to Sus. Comm.

The communication from Benj. Neal ruling elder in Jefferson church, was taken from the docket & referred to the Sustentation Committee. And also the funds collected for Jefferson church were referred to the same Committee.

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The following report was presented & adopted:

Stat case Minutes of Presbytery.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of bringing in an Expression of the views of Presbytery in regard to the decision of the Session of Fifth Creek Church, would report, recommending that whilst this Presbytery disapproves of the irregularities of the Session in their action in the case, we do not charge them with immorality & improper motives in the premises.

A. L. Cranford
Com Jas. W. Thornwell
J. H. Gannin

Vote of thanks

The usual vote of thanks was tendered to Bethphage Congregation for their kindness & hospitality in entertaining the members of Presbytery.

C. W. Robinson Lic. Labor &c in Bds

Leave was granted C. W. Robinson Licentiate, to labor within or without the bounds of this Presbytery, as Providence may indicate.

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The minutes were read, corrected & approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian church in Statesville on Thursday the 26th of Sept. next, at 7 o'clock P.M.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk
" "

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Appendix No I.

Narrative to the Genl. Assy.

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully Submit to the Genl. Assembly to meet at Knoxville Tenn, the following narrative on the State of religion in our bounds:

1. Most of our churches are regularly supplied with the administration of the gospel, and also give attention to Sabbath School work & the conducting of prayer meetings

2 Most of our churches have entirely paid or nearly so the Salaries promised their ministers, & there is no marked decline in benevolent contributions,
These facts are regarded as encouraging in these times of financial depression.

3 While there has been no special religious awakening in our body, yet most of our churches report some additions.

Upon the whole, our condition as a Presbytery is, in many respects, such as to call for Thanksgiving to God,

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Appendix No 2.

Systematic Benevolence.

The Report of the Presbytery of Concord to the Genl. Assembly, for the year ending April 1878:

Objects	No. of Congregations contributing	Amount
Sustentation	25	$ 343.00
Evangelistic	15	88.00
Invalid	20	120.00
For. Mission	27	1019.00
Education	21	1201.00
Publication	16	123.00
Presbyterial	25	275.00
Pastors Salaries ach. $	27	10804.00
Congregational	21	7517.00
Miscellaneous	14	231.00
Total	281	21821.00

11 Congregations have contributed to all the 8 objects of benevolence ordered by the Genl. Assembly; 5 have contributed to nine of them; 5 have contributed to four of them; 1 has contributed to three of them; 4 have contributed to two of them; 2 have contributed to one of them; 7 have contributed to more of them,

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Appendix No 3.

Report of Concord Presbytery on

	No. on roll		Average Attendance		Increase		Decrease
	Teachers	Scholars	T.s	S.s	T.s	S.s	Teachers
Bethany	5	20	3	60			
Back Creek	4	50	5	30			
Bethpage	7	80	4	55		10	
Centre.	7	46	5	35			
Concord Rudell,	9	100	6	60			
Concord Town	18	105	14	70			
Davidson College	11	60	10	49	2	5	
Franklin	7	47	7	40			
Fifth Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hickory	11	80	8	34	2	30	
Lemon's	13	70	12	35			
Marion	4	18	3	10			
Mocksville	6	40	6	40			
Morganton	11	73	11	65	2	13	
Mooresville	10	107	9	85	2	27	
Newton	6	36	5	32	1	5	
Oxford First	9	100	9	85			1
Prospect	9	65	7	55	2	5	
Rocky River	14	150	10	60			
Salisbury	14	116	12	70	2	65	
Silcam	7	40					
Statesville	14	120	12	100	1		
over-							

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Sabbath Schools to the Genl. Assembly.

Decrease	No. added to Church		Amount Contributed for	Amount contributed for
Scholars	Teachers	Scholars	Sabbath School	Missionary purposes.
		5		$1.50
5		6	$39.	
				24.32
			21.49	1.20
11	1	1	4.	10.
10		6	2.	
	2	9	15.	15.38
		8	5.45	
			5.25	
14			3.50	44.34.
		5		
	1	1	90.	9.
20		4	7.44	4.41

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Sabbath School Continued.

	No. on Roll		Average Attendance		Increase
	Teachers	Scholars	T.s	S.s	Teachers
Taylorsville	8	65	7	50	1
Third Creek	8	75	6	50	
Olivatiba	6	120	4	80	
Unity	8	80	5	60	
Wilkesboro	4	22	3	18	
Zion.	8	69	6	35	1
Total 27	232	1908	186	1287	161

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Increase	Decrease		No. added to the Church		Amt. contributed for	Amount contributed for Missionary purposes
Scholars	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers	Scholars	Sunday School	
15			1	9		
					$1.34	
				6		
16				5	5.30	
141	1	60.	5	60.	199.31	155.34

Wm. W. Pharr Stated Clk

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Statistical Report of Concord

To the Presbytery of Concord N.C. Reports and has under its care 35 Communicants Two licentiates

Ministers and Candidates	Post Office	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Total Communicants
R. A. Anderson P.	Morganton N.C.	Morganton	1		14	1	126
"	Newton N.C.	Newton	4	2	2	1	40
R. W. Boyd P.	Wood Leaf N.C.	Unity	5	4	11	2	118
" "	Rowan Mills "	Third Creek	4	7	1	4	107
J. W. Colton M.C.	Morganton "						
A. L. Crawford S.S.	Mocksville "	Mocksville	3	3	10	.	60
" "	Salisbury "	Thyatira	4	6	3	1	136
J. W. Davis Exh.	Goochow China.						
G. W. Gibbs N.C.	Fayetteville N.C.						
W. H. Glasgow S.S.	Davidson College	Bethel	3	2	6	4	60
A. D. Hepburn D.D. Pres.	Davidson College	Davidson College	5	-	7	17	43
J. P. Johnston Exh.							
Jno. Lindsay Exh.	Brodie N.C.						
W. McKinnon P.	Concord N.C.	Concord	9	6	11	14	163
J. N. Paxton P.	Marion "	Marion	2	2	1	.	30
" "	St. "	Siloam	2	2	1	.	44
P. D. Pennick P.	Mooresville "	Mooresville	4	14	9	15	71
" " "		Prospect	6	12	10	2	315
Wm. Plumer P.	Mt. Mourne "	Centre	8	7	5	1	122
		Bethphage	5	4	2	5	167
E. F. Rostrevor S.S.	Lead Spring	Fifth Creek	4	3	2	.	121
		Littany	5	3		4	117

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Presbytery to the Genl. Assembly to meet at Knoxville May 1878.

Presbytery to the Genl. Assembly that it comprises 2 ministers and Five candidates;-

Sup'd Ch'ds Added	Infants	No Baptisms	Communicants	Sabbath Schools	Missions	Evangelistic	Synodical Fund	Foreign	Education	Publication	Ministerial	Pastor's Salary actually Paid	Congregational	Miscellaneous
3	2	55-	73	17	5-	17	39	12	17	-	600	619	10.	
	1	29	32	2	-	-	1	-	-	33	160	1200		
1	5	60	80	10	11	7	16	4	7	14	380	10	-	
.	6	-	75-	4	6	-	3	4	5-	8	255-	61	2	
4	2	21	40	4	5-	6	9	2	-	7	429	146	21	
1	5	79	47	.	4	2	4	.	.	3	.	.	1	
	5-	-	-	1	3	2	4	2	5	2	250	-	12	
.	1	26	53	25-	10	20	99	20	20	13	300.	140	46	
.	14	100	110	20	-	5	56	15-	14	40	1350	2300	-	
.	2	33	18	9	8	5-	8	6	4	4	162	-	12	
1	.	38	.	1	2	1	2	3	2	3	92	20	10	
	2	62	122	6	11	3	22	3	2	10	450	605	11	
	24	.	65-	6	8	4	40	.	1	20	500	210	11	
	10	140	45-	15-			50	10	5-	19	350	54	6	
	10	125-	40	15-	.	5-	10	6	4	.	329	75-	17	
	6	-	35-	2	1	.	4	1			103	8		
	10	37	20	.	4	3	8	3	1	2		110	2	

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Ministers and Candidates	Post office	Churches	Edifices	Sittings	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Total of Communicants	Baptized Infants
J. Rumple P.	Salisbury	Salisbury	1	6	6	2	3	135
J. F. Thornwell M.C. Concord Sta.								
D. J. Thurston "	Taylorsville	Taylorsville	1	4	1	10	2	76
" "	Wilkesboro	Wilkesboro	1	4	.	.	.	14
J. A. Ramsay P.	Mill Bridge	Thyatira	1	6	6	4	6	130
" "		Back Creek	1	3	3	1	5	75
J. M. Wheary P.	Harrisburg	Rocky Ridge	1	9	5	5	4	351
P. P. Winn P.	Lenoir	Lenoir	1	4	3	2	2	62
W. A. Wood P.	Statesville	Statesville	1	10	6	7	1	181
Total 22.	Concord	Poplar Tent	1	4	5	3	2	150
	Hickory	Hickory	2	3	2	2	.	21
	New Sterling	Concord 2nd	1	10	4	3	.	238
	Statesville	Shiloh	2	3	1	2	2	46
	Aunt Hill	Bethesda	1	4	4	10	2	94
	Gathering Church	Tabor	1	2	2	.	.	35
	Concord	Zion	1	3	2	9	.	51
	Jefferson	Jefferson	2	1	.	.	.	8
	Stony point	Salem	2	1	.	.	.	27
	Morganton	Drusilla	2					12
Licentiates 2.								
J. C. Kennedy	Mt. Mourne							
C. W. Robinson	Concord							
Candidates 4	Total		35	156	120	158	90	3506

Birthplace N.C.

Presbytery of the Synod, Assembly continued.

Infants not Baptized	Communicants	Children in Sabbath School	Sunday Schools	Evangelists	Church Erection Fund	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Home Missions	Pastors Salary actually Paid	Congregational	Miscellaneous
4	40	125	140	.	16	49	904	.	40	1300	475	-
	35	60	15	.	.	12	4	5	10	160	71	
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21	55	100	40	.	5	62	145	.	30	642	102	21
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Salisbury N.C.

Pro re nata meeting.

In pursuance of the following call of the Moderator; viz:

Lenoir N.C.
July 10th 1878.

"In accordance with our Form of Government Chapter X. Sec. X. I hereby call a Special meeting of Concord Presbytery, to be held in Salisbury on Monday July 22nd 8 o'clock P.M. to examine Mr Jas. N. W. Summerell with a view to receiving him under the care of Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry."

Paul D. Bruin, Mod.

Concord Presbytery met at the time & place specified in the Presbyterian Church Salisbury, & was called to order & opened with prayer by Rev R. W. Boyd last Moderator present.

The roll was made out & the following were present: Ministers- J. Rumple, L. McAllister, R. W. Boyd & J. A. Ramsay. Ruling Elders- Dr J. C. Ramsay & Wm Murdock.

Rev J. A. Ramsay was chosen as Temporary Clerk.

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Mr J. N. Y. Summerell was introduced by his pastor, Rev J. Krumpelt, with a view of receiving him under the care of Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry - whereupon Mr Summerell was examined on Experimental religion and as to his motives for seeking the ministry, which examination being sustained, he was duly received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Mr Summerall having signified his desire to spend a year at a Seminary in Scotland, the Stated Clerk was instructed to furnish him with a suitable certificate.

Presbytery then adjourned sine die, and closed with prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk.

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Statesville N. C.

Concord Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church Statesville Sept 26th 1878 at 7. o'clock P. M. & was opened with a Sermon by the last Moderator Rev R. P. Kimmon from John 3:3. and constituted with prayer.

At the calling of the roll the following members were present:

Ministers: R. B. Anderson. R. W. Boyd. A. E. Crawford. A. D. Hepburn D.D. S. T. Renick. Wm P. Shaw. J. A. Ramsay. E. F. Rockwell. J. H. Thornwell. T. J. Thurston R. P. Kimm. J. M. Wharey & W. A. Wood.

Ruling Elders:

Moses Temple, representing Back Creek
C. W. Smith " Bethany
J. T. Goodman " Bethesda
D. Creswell " Centre & Bethphage
J. S. Watts " Concord (Iredell)
M. W. Johnston " Concord Davie
S. Frontis " Mooresville & Prospect
D. E. Linton " Newton
Saml. Shaw " Rocky River
Wm Clark " Shiloh
J. M. Adams " Statesville.
G. B. Reed " Tabor.
A. A. Hill " Taylorsville

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Richd. Culbertson " Unity
A. H. Matheson " Hillsboro.

Absentees. Ministers absent without written excuse: J. W. Hanes. S. M. Gibbs. Daniel Lindsay. S. McKimmon.

Churches unrepresented: Amsilla. Jefferson. Lenoir. Marion. Poplar Tent. Siloam. Zion.

Rev T. J. Thurston was chosen Moderator & Rev R. W. Boyd & ruling elder S. Frontis Temporary clerks.

Rev Messrs W. B. Davis of the first Presbytery of the A. Reformed Church A. S. Billingsly of the Catawba Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. of America, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Friday Morning 9. o'clock.
Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.
The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.
Rev Messrs C. Rumple. J. H. Colton & T. N. Paxton appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Members appear

Ruling elders- J. M. Wilson of Bethel. W. A. Thomason of Franklin R. W. McCombs of Hickory. R. Stirling of Mocksville & Wm Murdock of Salisbury appeared & their names were enrolled.

The minutes of the last stated meeting & also of a 'Pro re nata' meeting were read.

Rev L. H. Glasgow appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

T. N. Johnston excused.

Rev T. D. Johnston, through Rev C. Rumple, rendered excuse for absence from the present meeting, which was rec'd as satisfactory.

The annual report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read & placed on the docket.

A communication from the Executive Committee of the Gen'l. Assembly for the Training of Colored Ministers, was read & placed on the docket.

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Counts. of the Mod.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Narrative to Synod- Rev's J. M. Wilson, J. A. Ramsay & M. W. Johnston Ruling elder,

Systematic Benevolence- Rev's R. P. Kerr J. H. Colton & Richd Stirling R. E.

Minute of the Gen'l. Assembly- Rev R. B. Anderson & D. B. Gaston & A. A. Hill ruling elders.

Finance- Rev J. H. Thornwell & S. B. Reid & Wm Lee ruling elders.

Judicial Com. - Rev's P. J. Pence & A. E. Crawford & J. S. Watts R. E.

Bills & Overtures- Rev A. D. Hepburn, & & ruling elders J. R. Adams & Saml. Clark,

To nominate Trustees for Davidson College- Rev E. F. Rockwell & ruling elders S. Fronties & R. Culbertson.

On Devotional Exercises- Rev W. A. Wood & J. R. Adams R. E.

A written report from C. W. Robinson & a verbal report from J. C. Thomas licentiates, as to their labors since the last meeting, were made & approved.

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Report of Coms. to Ind. Assy.

A written report from Rev J. R. Alexander & a verbal report from Rev J. Rumple were made as to their attendance upon the Sessions of the last Ind. Assembly, as commissioners, which were accepted & the diligence of the commissioners approved.

Place & time of next meeting

Bethel Church was chosen as the place and Wednesday before the last Sabbath of April 1879, 11 o'clock A. M. as the time for the next semi-annual meeting of this body.

Presbytery took recess until after divine services.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

Com. to revise questions.

Rev Messrs W. W. Shaw, J. Rumple & G. F. Glasgow, with ruling Elders Moses Tingle & R. Sterling were appointed to revise the questions to be answered by the Churches in their reports on the narrative of the State of religion.

corresponding member.

Rev J. P. Bestrade of the Presbytery of New York, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Report of Coms. to visit Marion

Rev R. B. Anderson from the commission to visit Marion Church to adjust difficulties made a report which was received & approved & the commission discharged.

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Presbytery took recess until 3, o'clock this evening.

After Recess.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Dr J. R. B. Adams of 5th Creek appeared in Presbytery & his name was enrolled.

Rev J. Rumple from the Sustentation Committee offered the following, which was adopted:

Com. on Evangelism.

1st Resolved That in view of the importance of the immediate occupation of the County of Stanly by the Presbyterian Church, it is necessary to make an extraordinary effort to supply the people with preaching by presbyterian Ministers.

2nd That we pledge $700 for the purpose of sustaining an Evangelist in Stanly Co, for one year.

3d That the Sustentation Committee take immediate steps for raising this amount.

Presbytery then entered into a free conversation on the State of religion in the Churches.

Recess was then taken until after divine services to night.

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After recess.

Presbytery met.

Prof J.R. Sampson ruling elder of Davidson College Church appeared & his name was enrolled.

R. W. McCombs & M. W. Johnston ruling elders, were granted leave of absence after the present session.

Report of Trustees D.C. The annual report of the Trustees of Davidson College was taken from the docket, & after an interesting address by Dr Hepburn on the State of the College, the report was received as information.

Presbytery then adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Sept 28th Saturday morning 9 o'clock

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read, corrected & approved.

T.N. Glasgow called & settled &c. A call from Bethel church for the pastoral services of Rev T. N. Glasgow for one half his time, promising him a salary of $250. per annum, in yearly payments, was read, Wilkerson & Sons

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Resolved, That though the call does not entirely fulfill the conditions required by our 4th Standing rule (requiring a living support) yet inasmuch as Presbytery has information that a house, free of rent, will be furnished him, and he will be further supported by a school in the congregation - the said call be placed in his hands.

Rev P. D. Pinnix from the Committee of Education made the following report which was received & approved:

The following persons are under the care of the committee viz: C. W. Robinson, J. D. Rowe, W. W. Flynn, A. W. White, T. E. Julian, T. J. Foltz & J. A. W. Summerell.

Report on Education. Of these - C. W. Robinson, J. D. Rowe & A. W. White are beneficiaries. According to the reports of their instructors, they are correct in their deportment & diligent in study.

They have used the funds of the church economically. We recommend that they be continued as beneficiaries.

Mr Robinson is now in his third year in the Seminary. He spent his vacation preaching mainly to the people of Poplar Tents & in teaching school.

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For preaching he rec'd $0. for teaching $26. during the last session of the Seminary, he rec'd $130. Fifty dollars have been lately promised him by the committee, to supply his present wants. Mr Rowe earned last session $140. Another year would complete his course in the Seminary. But he has not been able to waste such provision for the support of his family as will justify his leaving them to attend upon the present session of the Seminary. & he thinks of pursuing his studies for a time at home.

Education Reports.

Mr White, is now in the Junior year at Davidson College. He received last year $60. as a gift & $50. as a loan. He thinks he will not need more than $50. from the committee this session.

Mr Fleming has spent a year & a half at Columbia Seminary. He was engaged during the vacation in ministering to two churches & one Mission station, under the superintendance of Rev J. D. Martin of Abbeville S.C. & rec'd for his services $100. He is now at Princeton Seminary, having obtained means to pursue his Education there from certain Southern gentlemen. He expects to spend his last year at Columbia Seminary.

Mr Julian is still engaged in teaching; & expects to finish his two last years in the Seminary as soon as he shall have obtained sufficient funds for that purpose.

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Mr Summerell spends the present year in a Seminary in Scotland.

Mr Felger is still engaged in merchandise & is doubtful whether he will continue his preparation for the ministry.

Com. { D. D. Reid
Wm. P. Pharr
J. M. Blake

The committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College reported recommending the re-election of Rev Wm. P. Pharr & S. H. Wiley to serve 4 years, which report was rec'd & adopted.

Wm P. Pharr & S. H. Wiley Trustees of D.C.

Rev E. F. Rockwell & ruling elders S. B. Reid, J. D. Goodman & A. A. Hill were granted leave of absence after the present session.

Rev J. H. Bolton Agt. of Foreign Missions made report which was rec'd docketed & made the first order for tonight.

Rev J. M. Wharey from the committee on the Narrative made the following report which was accepted, adopted & ordered to be forwarded to Synod:-

Concord Presbytery respectfully reports to the Synod of North Carolina the following, as to the condition of the churches within our bounds;

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Report on Narrative.

All our congregations with two or three exceptions are now supplied with Stated preaching. In all, the word of God has been, at least occasionally, dispensed by our regular Ministers. And our vacant churches as well as those which have only occasional preaching very generally, & with commendable diligence, endeavour to supply the lack by maintaining Sabbath Schools & Prayer meetings.

There is a general disposition to hear the word, and some of our Churches report an increasing attendance & apparently growing interest in the services of the Sanctuary.

The various branches of church work, such as Prayer Meetings, Sabbath Schools, Bible classes, Contributions to benevolent objects, are maintained in all our Churches, though with different degrees of success - & in many all, our brethren seem to be laboring with some degree of encouragement.

On the whole therefore, while we deeply deplore the slow progress the cause of the Master is making among us, yet we rejoice in believing that it does move forward.

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Rev R. W. Boyd Agt. of Publication made the following Report which was received, amended & adopted:

Publication Report.

During the past year 18 out of our 35 Churches contributed to the cause of Publication, being one less than reported the previous year.

The whole amount contributed is $162. being $7 less than the previous year.

The A & T. recommends the following resolutions: 1st Resolved That this Presbytery approves the change in the plan of conducting the publication work, & the retrenchment in expenses, & commend the cause to the confidence & liberality of our people.

2. That all our ministers be requested to present to their people the claims of our Sabbath School papers - the Earnest Worker & Children's Friend.

3. That the A & T. be directed to take immediate steps to place a Col porteur in the field.

R. W. Boyd A & T.

J. H. T. elected Evangelist

Rev J. H. Thornwell was elected as an Evangelist for one year. to operate chiefly in Stanly Co, at a salary of $700. per annum.

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The committee to organize a church in Stanly Co, reported that the way is now clear & the work would have been done but for the failure of the Committee to meet, The committee request that in view of the fact that an Evangelist has been elected who will have power to complete the work, they be discharged, which report was received, & approved & the committee discharged,

Recess was taken for dining purposes,

After recess,

Presbytery met,

J. Lentz, ruling elder from Salem church appeared & his name was enrolled,

J.S. Watts & Wm Clark were granted leave of absence after the present session,

Rev R. W. Boyd asked the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself & Third Creek church & gave reasons for the same, An official letter was read from the congregation of Third Creek, reluctantly consenting to the request of the pastor. Whereupon the relation was dissolved & Rev A. L. Crawford appointed to preach at said church & declare it vacant,

Recess was taken until 3 o'clock P. M.,

Pastoral relation dissolved. R.W.B. & Third Creek.

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After recess.

Presbytery met.

Rev J. Rumple from the Substitution recommended the following which was adopted:

1 That Rev R. W. Boyd hold a meeting at Franklin, & administer the Sacrament this fall.

Supplies appointed.

2. That Rev A. D. Hepburn D.D. do the same at Poplar Tent

3. That Rev A. L. Crawford do the same at Third Creek.

4. That Rev R. B. Anderson do the same at Mt Pisgah.

The Committee on Bills & Overtures reported that nothing had come into their hands & asked be discharged. Their report was received & the com discharged.

Rev L. T. Glasgow signified his acceptance of the call from Bethel church, which was placed in his hands. Whereupon Rev Messrs J. Rumple & A. L. Crawford & ruling elder J. M. Wilson were appointed to arrange for his installation.

Com to arrange for installation L.T.G.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had come into their hands & asked to be discharged the report was accepted & the request granted.

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The following paper was unanimously adopted:

Whereas the divine command to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" with the detailed instructions of the manner of its observance abides with man in his individual & representative capacity; and Whereas, It is a fact known to the Christian people of North Carolina, that the authorities controling many of the Rail Roads in the State, require their Agts, & employees to run Passenger, Freight & Excursion Trains upon them on regular Schedule time on the Sabbath day, as on any other day of the week; and that at some of their distributing depots extraordinary labor is required of persons & the machinery under their control, on the holy Sabbath day; and recognizing the responsibility resting upon the Church to rent its influence to prevent the violation of this, & all the commands of the decalogue;

Resolutions touching the Sabbath.

1. Resolved That in the opinion of this Presbytery the running of the Rail Road Trains on the Sabbath day, & secular work done on that day by the Employees of the Rail Road companies, are a violation of the law of God.

2. That the pastors & Ministers of this Presbytery are hereby required to bring this matter before their respective Congregations at an early opportunity, & present to them their duty as members of Christ's Church to stay themselves

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in opposition to a continuance of this reckless disregard of his commands, and that with the aid of their officers they adopt such measures as may be necessary to obtain petitions from each Congregation, to the next Session of the Legislature of this State, which is to assemble on the first Wednesday in Jan. 1879, asking the enactment of such laws as may be necessary to arrest & prevent this desecration of God's holy day by the running of Rail Road Trains upon all roads in the State of North Carolina,

Petitions. Sabbath.

3d That the Presbytery of Concord does hereby invoke the cooperation of the other presbyteries & of the Synod of North Carolina, & of all the other Christian denominations in the State, to make a united effort to stay this flagrant violation of God's Command, & thereby relieve our mother State from that condemnation pronounced against the Nations that forget God.

Stated Clerk ordered.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the above resolutions to the presiding officers of both branches of our Legislature

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The committee to revise the questions to be answered by the churches in their narrative on the State of religion, reported recommending the following questions:

1. What religious services have been held in your church during the year & what has been the usual attendance?
2. Have you regular prayer meetings & what has been the usual attendance?
3. Have you Bible Classes & Sabbath Schools & are they under the control of the Session?
4. Do the Elders conduct public worship in the absence of the minister?
5. Do the elders visit officially, the families in affliction?
6. Do the Deacons hold regular meetings for business. Do they provide for the wants of the poor, & the Education of their children, &
7. What salary do you promise your minister & has it been punctually paid? Is it sufficient for his support?
8. Have you appointed a Delegate to each Presbytery & Synod, & held him to account for his attendance?
9. Have you aid the expenses of your minister & elders attending the courts of the church?
10. If vacant, what efforts have been made to procure a pastor or supply, & what can your church pay?

Questions on narrative revised.

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11. If your church has failed to contribute to the aid of any of the Committees of the Assembly, what is the reason?
12. What religious newspapers are taken by your people?
13. To what extent is family worship maintained among your people, & what efforts are the minister & elders making to extend the practice?

Questions revised

14. What other items of interest can you add, concerning the state of religion, revivals, growth in grace &c. &c.?

N. B. Let your report in answer to the above questions be made in a narrative form, & in the order of the questions; - read to the congregation, & signed by the Clerk of Session, & Transmitted to Presbytery at its Spring Session.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have printed a sufficient number of blank forms for the narrative from the churches on the State of religion, with the foregoing questions, to do for [illegible] years.

The Standing rule passed at the last stated meeting requiring each minister, at each Spring meeting to report the number of Sermons preached, the number of pastoral visits made & the number of prayer meetings held, was repealed.

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A motion to add another question, to those already adopted, on the blanks sent out for the narrative from the churches on the state of religion, touching pastoral work, was placed on the docket.

Recess was then taken until after divine services.

After services.

The presbytery was called to order. When the order for the hour viz: the consideration of the report on Foreign Missions was taken up & after discussion was accepted, amended & adopted & is as follows:

For Mis Report.

The Ass't. for For. Missions of Concord Presbytery would report- That all our churches have contributed something to this cause during the year & last year. Eight churches more have contributed this year than last year; three the same as last year; two, more than last year; & seven less.

Some women contributed only enough to have the name of it.

The increase this year is $ 243.

The whole amount from all sources is $ 1145.- but Ladies Societies & other sources have contributed of this amount $ 237, leaving as the sum directly from the churches $ 908.

This increase is small, & yet less than the cause deserves.

No new Missionaries have been commissioned for three years, while 12 or 15 have offered their services. And still the debt of the Gen. Assembly's Committee is $ 70 000.

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The Churches & N. S. Columbia Missions have been discontinued for want of funds.

It is cheering, that the Lord has blessed the labors of those in the field so that as many as 150 have been added to the church on Missionary ground under our labors.

For Mis Report

Resolved, That, Whereas the claim of For. Missions is one of the most important Schemes of Christian Benevolence &

Whereas our Assembly's Committee have accepted the offer of individuals to labor in the Foreign field, who cannot be sent for the want of funds:

Order

Resolved That the ministers of this Presbytery be instructed to call these facts to the attention of their congregation & urge them to increase their contributions to this cause.

Rev J. Rumple from the committee to arrange for the installation of Rev H. M. Glasgow over the Bethel Church, recommended the following, which was accepted & adopted:

Arrangement for Installation

That the installation take place on the 2nd day of the next Spring Presbytery; that the Moderator preside & propose the constitutional questions; that Rev D. D. Bernier, with Rev A. H. Stephenson as his alternate, charge the pastor; that Rev Mr Plum, with Rev W. A. Wood as his alternate, deliver the charge to the people.

J. H. S.

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Rev D. P. Winn from the Committee on Systematic Benevolence made the following report, which was accepted. Amended & adopted: & ordered to be forwarded to Synod:-

Systematic Benevolence Report

Rev. Concord Presbytery would report to the Synod of N.C. that there has been on the whole an encouraging increase in the contributions of our Churches- $338 more were contributed during the last ecclesiastical year than in the previous year.

We are glad to report an increase in the contributions to Sustentation of $48. to For. Missions of $62. to Education of $331. ; while we regret to report a decrease in the contributions to the Evangelistic Fund of $76. to the Invalid Fund of $30. to Publication of $7.

Minutes of Gen. Assy Report.

Rev. R. B. Anderson from the Committee to examine the minutes of the Gen. Assembly made the following report which was rec'd & adopted: The Committee recommend-

1st That in accordance with the suggestions of the last Gen. Assembly page 612 of printed minutes, our ministers & church sessions be instructed to present the claims of the American Bible Society to their congregations & take up collections for it at such times as may be deemed most suitable.

2nd That in accordance with the suggestion of the Assembly page 635- our ministers

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be directed to prepare sketches of their churches & presentation until the Assembly shall arrange for their safe keeping.

Rev W. A. Wood made reports from the committee on devotional exercises which was received & approved.

Education Cod.

Com.

The communication from the Executive of the Gen. Assembly for the training of Coloured Ministers was taken from the docket considered, and a committee appointed to take into consideration the religious & moral condition of the Coloured population within our bounds, & to devise some plan for the promotion of their spiritual welfare, and report at the next Spring meeting of this Presbytery. This committee consists of Rev. Sterling ruling elder. & Revs A. D. Hepburn M. D. & J. Rumple.

Rev D. P. Winn reported that he had been acting as Stated Supply of Concord church (Endell), and Shiloh for the last five months, which report was rec'd & approved.

Commission Olam Ch.

Rev S. A. Patton having stated to Presbytery that there were difficulties in his charge viz. Siloam Church which could not well be settled by the session of said church; a commission consisting of Rev S. A. Patton & J. M. Grier. E. A. Perkins & D. C. Hamilton ruling elders. was appointed

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to endeavor to settle said difficulties, with full power to try cases if need be.

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the citizens of Statesville for their kindness & hospitality to the members of Presbytery — to the R.R. Companies that favored the members with reduced fare & to the different denominations of Christians who offered the use of their houses of worship to this body.

It was ordered that when this Presbytery adjourns that it adjourn to meet during the Sessions of Synod at Goldsboro, at the call of the Moderator.

The Minutes being read, corrected & approved, the Presbytery adjourned with singing, prayer, & the Apostolic benediction.

William W. Shaw
Stated Clerk

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Oct. 24th

Goldsboro N.C.

An adjourned meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at Goldsboro, Oct. 24th 1878 at the call of Rev P.D. Winn, the last Moderator present & was opened with prayer by Rev R.W. Boyd.

Rev J.A. Ramsay was elected temporary Clerk.

Ministers present: R.B. Anderson, R.W. Boyd, T.H. McKinnon, P.D. Penick, J. Rumple, J.M. Wharry, W.S. Wood, & J.A. Ramsay.

Ruling elders: Dr J.J. Summerell of Salisbury Ch. & S.W. Stimson of Statesville.

Rev R.W. Boyd was called to the chair, when Rev Rev P.D. Winn asked the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself & the Senior's Church, assigning as his reason that he felt called in the providence of God to take charge of the Church of Concord (Rudell) & asked that it be read from the Church of Seniors, reluctantly consenting to the request of Rev Winn & expressing of their confidence & affection for him.

Whereupon the Presbytery did & do hereby dissolve said relation & declare said Church vacant.

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Rev W. A. Wood was directed to preach at Lenoir & declare the church vacant.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

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Presbytery met at the call of Rev R. H. Boyd the last Moderator present.

A quorum being present & no business before Presbytery - they adjourned to meet at Bethel church on Wednesday 23d of April 1889 11 o'clock A.M.

Closed with prayer by Rev J. Rumple.

Rev W. Phun. Stated Clerk.

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Concord Presbytery met at Bethel Church April 23d 1879 11. o'clock A.M. and was opened with a Sermon by Rev T. G. Thurston Moderator, from John 1:16. and constituted with prayer.

The roll was called & the following members found present:

Ministers - R. B. Anderson. R. W. Boyd. A. L. Crawford. L. R. Glasgow. E. McKinnon. P. F. Penick. Wm P. Phun. J. A. Ramsay. E. F. Rockwell. J. Rumple. J. H. Thornwell. T. G. Thurston. P. P. Winn & W. A. Wood.

Ruling Elders:-	Churches
Dr J. B. Alexander -	Bethel
Dr J. H. Houston -	Centre & Bethpage
H. T. Burke -	Concord (2nd ch)
H. F. Cannon	Concord (Town)
H. P. Helper	Davidson College
Dr J. R. B. Adams	Fifth Creek
Wilson Frost	Franklin
R. W. Johnston	Hickory
H. C. Hamilton	Lenoir
R. Sterling	Mocksville
R. C. Lentz	Salem Mocksville
E. A. Perkins	Morganton
F. Cannon	Poplar Tent
Wm Murdock	Salisbury
J. A. Watkins pasm	Statesville
A. C. McIntosh	Taylorsville
J. L. Johnston	Third Creek

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N. Berringer –
S. W. White. – Elders.

Rev J. H. Thornwell was chosen Moderator and Rev. J. A. Ramsay & A. C. McIntosh temporary Clerks.

Presbytery then took a recess for one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The Minutes of last regular meeting & also of an adjourned meeting were read & approved.

Corresponding Members

Rev Messrs W. W. Orr of the 1st Presbytery of the N.C. Church. J. F. Latimer & S. W. Chester of Mecklenburg Presbytery & P. McCuster of Greenbrier Presbytery Va, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Members appear

Rev A. D. Hepburn D.D. Rev J. M. Wheary & Ruling Elder A. C. Alexander from Rocky River appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness.

Rev D. McKinnon rendered satisfactory excuse for absence from last meeting.

A letter was read from Rev J. M. Gibbs giving excuse for absence from the present meeting & also asking for a letter of dismissal to Fayetteville Presbytery. His excuse was sustained & the Stated Clerk ordered to send him a suitable certificate with the gratulations of Presbytery on account of his restored health.

J. M. Gibbs dismissed to Fayetteville

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Rev Messrs W. W. Boyd & R. B. Anderson reported the fulfillment of appointments as temporary supplies.

A written excuse for absence from the present meeting, & a request to be excused from attending Presbytery in the future, on account of age & infirmities was read from Rev D. R. Paxton, whereupon his excuse was sustained & his request granted.

J. M. Wheary

excused &c.

J. C. Kennedy licentiate, presented a verbal report; & C. W. Robinson licentiate, a written report of their labours & labors.

Licentiates report,

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Narrative to the Gen. Assembly:– Rev P. J. Pemisa Rev D. McKinnon. Rev R. W. Boyd & Ruling Elders R. W. Johnston & D. F. Cannon.

Com's by Moderator

Systematic Benevolence: Rev's W. A. Wood. A. D. Crawford. R. B. Anderson & Ruling Elders H. C. Hamilton & R. Sterling

Devotional Exercises: Rev D. R. Glasgow & J. B. Alexander & A. C. McIntosh, Ruling Elders.

Of Finance: D. F. Cannon. J. M. Wheary & H. C. Hamilton.

On Minutes of Synod: Rev's E. F. Rockwell. D. R. Glasgow. T. D. Thompson & W. C. Wilson. E.

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On Visitation Committee Moore & Report:
Rev'd A. D. Hepburn & D. J. A. Ramsay & ruling elders
T. Cannon & Dr J. R. B. Adams.

On Evangelistic work: J. Rumple. T. McKinnon
& W. A. Wood & ruling elders D. F. Cannon & Wm
Murdock.

Bills & Overtures: T. G. Thurston, J. M. Whaley &
ruling elders - N. Penninger & Wm Murdock.

Leave by Mod.

Judicial Committee: Rev J. Rumple & ruling
elders - R. C. Beaty. E. A. Perkins. D. A. Mickenpoon
& S. White.

On Sessional Records: Rev's T. G. Thurston. R. W.
Boyd. J. M. Whaley. C. T. Benick. S. R. Glasgow &
ruling elders - Dr J. R. B. Adams. Wm Murdock. H. T.
Burke. A. C. McCanless & S. W. White.

The narratives from the churches were read & referred
to the committee on the narratives.

The Sessional Reports were read & put in the hands
of the Stated Clerk.

The Reports of the churches on Systematic Benevolence & Sabbath Schools
were referred to the respective committees & sent without
reading.

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It was ordered that Presbytery meet at 9½ o'clock
each morning during its sessions.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow
morning at 9½ o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning 9½ o'clock

April 24. The Presbytery met & was opened with
prayers.

Rev P. M. Custer was received on certificate,
P. M. Custer rec'd from Greenbrier Presbytery
Greenbrier Va. after examination, from Greenbrier Presbytery
Va. & his name enrolled.

A written excuse for absence from the present
meeting of Presbytery was read from Rev T. P. Johnston
T. P. J. excused, which was sustained.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev P. P. Winn
P. P. Winn called to Concord, was read from Concord Church (Iredell) promis-
ing him $400 for one half of his time,
payable in currency, which was placed on the
docket.

A communication was read from Rocky River
Church, asking Presbytery so to amend the
Call from Rocky River Church for the pastoral services of Rev J. M.
Whaley, as to read $1000 instead of $1200. - the
pastor consenting thereto, the request was granted.

Permission was granted Taylorsville Church to
retain Rev T. G. Thurston as Stated Supply of said
Church for one year at a salary of $250 for one
half his time.

T. G. T. to supply Taylorsville

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R. C. Holder ruling elder from Bethesda, appeared & took his seat.

Book of Ch. Order, Adopted.

The Book of Church Order was adopted without debate.

The committee appointed at the last regular meeting "to take into consideration the moral & religious condition of the colored population within our borders, & devise some plan for the promotion of their spiritual welfare" made a report, which was made the first order for this evening's session.

It was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning 10. o'clock, to hear the report of the Evangelist.

Commissioners to Genl. Assy.

Rev A. D. Crawford as principal, with Rev T. Pemick as his alternate, & D. F. Cannon, ruling Elder of Concord Town church as principal, with H. C. Hamilton of Lenoir, as his alternate, were chosen as Commissioners to the Genl. Assembly to meet at Louisville Ky.

Members appear

Col. W. H. Cowles elder from Wilkesboro & Maj. Teagle elder from Newton appeared & their names were enrolled.

Place & time of next meeting

Bethesda was chosen as the place & Saturday the 13th day of Sept, next 11 o'clock A. M. as the time for the next regular meeting of this body.

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Corresponding members.

Rev D. G. Caldwell of the A. Reformed church & Rev W. P. Williams of the Methodist church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Call.

The call from Concord Church (Rudisill) for the pastoral services of Rev P. P. Wynne, was taken from the docket & placed in his hands for his consideration.

J. H. Stevenson ruling elder from Shiloh appeared in Presbytery & was enrolled.

Revs W. A. Wood, J. Rumple & ruling elder Wm Murdock were appointed to suggest trial subjects for trial pieces for J. A. W. Lemmonell candidate under the care of this Presbytery.

L. H. Glasgow installed, Bethel.

Presbytery proceeded to install Rev L. H. Glasgow pastor of Bethel church, when Rev J. Rumple preached the sermon - Rev J. W. Thornwell, Moderator, propounded the constitutional questions - Rev D. I. Pemick delivered the charge to the pastor & Rev Wm W. Pharr delivered the charge to the people.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met.

Leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted D. Cannon, H. C. Hamilton & J. K. B. Adams, ruling elders, after this evening's session.

R. W. B. supply Franklin

Permission was granted Franklin church to employ Rev R. W. Boyd as stated supply for one half his time at a salary of $ 275 per annum.

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The order of the day was taken up; viz: the consideration of the report touching the moral & religious condition of the colored population within our bounds; The report was read & received & the preamble & first two resolutions adopted; viz:

Report on Colored Ministry

We recognize the importance of the religious training of the Colored population among us, & are convinced that this training can be effectually given only by teachers of their own race, & would therefore recommend the following measures to Presbytery for its adoption:

1st That our ministers embrace every favorable opportunity to convince the freedmen, by preaching to them or otherwise, of our interest in their Spiritual welfare.

2nd That ministers & Sessions be requested to adopt such measures as are practicable for the religious instruction of our Colored population.

The 3d & 4th resolutions of the above report, or the further consideration of the whole subject was made the order for the 2nd day of the next regular meeting of this body.

Rev W. W. Chase of Mecklenburg Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member

Report on Colportage

Rev R. W. Boyd Agt. of Publication reported that in obedience to the directions of Presbytery, he had succeeded in employing a Colporteur for the

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Presbytery, Mr H. H. Morrison a ruling elder, & that he has met with an encouraging degree of success in selling the books of our Committee of Publication.

Arrangements for installation of P. P. Winn

Rev P. P. Winn signified his acceptance of the call placed in his hands from the Concord Church (Iredell) Whereupon, it was ordered that when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Concord Church (Iredell) on Friday the 30th of May next at 11 o'clock A.M. — That he be installed pastor of said Church at that time if the way be clear, & that Rev W. A. Wood preach the installation sermon & propound the constitutional questions — that Rev R. B. Anderson deliver the charge to the pastor & Rev Mr Phair deliver the charge to the people.

R. B. A. called to Newton

A call was read from the Church of Newton for the pastoral services of Rev R. B. Anderson, promising him $ 2.00, for the one fourth of his time, which was placed in his hands.

Sessions of vacant Churches ordered,

Presbytery ordered that the sessions of vacant Churches appoint two of their members, a principal & alternate, to hold religious services in their Church, & to give the people an opportunity to contribute to the various objects of benevolence ordered by the Gen. Assembly.

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Overture assumed.

The Committee on Bills & Overtures reported, that recommending that, in answer to an overture from Taylorsville Church, the phrase Baptized non-communicants be defined to include all baptized children of every age who have not been admitted to full communion

Com, { T. F. Thurston
Wm Murdock
W. Trott.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9½ o.clock.

Closed with prayer.

Friday morning 9½ o.clk

April 25th. Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected & approved.

Rev W. E. McElwaine of McElmburg Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A petition was read from Hickory Church, asking permission to employ the Rev T. F. Thurston as stated supply for one year at a salary of $300, for one half his time. The request was granted on the condition that it shall not interfere with the present grouping of Millersboro & Taylorsville churches.

Petition from Hickory granted conditionally.

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minutes of Synod, report.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod, reported that they had examined the same & found nothing calling for the special action of Presbytery. The report was received & the Committee discharged.

Rev J. Rumple from the Sustentation Committee read a report, which was received & referred to a special committee consisting of Revs R. B. Anderson, E. F. Rockwell, A. G. Crawford, & ruling elders R. Sterling & W. H. Cowles.

Narrations from the 3 reports.

The committee to whom the narrations from the churches were referred reported, recommending the approval in full of the following: Davidson College, Salisbury, Morganton, Statesville, Centre, Bethphage, Millersboro, Mooresville, Prospect, Concord (town) Zion, & Unity. & of the following in part: Norwood, Thyatira, Taylorsville, Mocksville, Hickory, Concord (Rudell), Bethany, Poplar Tent, Siloam, Marion, Third Creek, Franklin, Rocky River, Back Creek, Bethesda & Tabor.

The report was accepted & adopted & the narrations ordered to be returned to Clerks of Sessions with the exceptions noted thereon respectively.

Common Narrations Report

Rev P. J. Pemick from the committee on the narrations of the State of religion, presented a report, which was accepted & adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

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Report on Sessional Records.

The committee to examine Sessional Records reported recommending the approval of the following: Zion, Bethphage, Salem, Morganton, Lenoir, Bethel, Poplar Tent, Back Creek, Newton, Shiloh, Unity, Mocksville, Prospect, Statesville, Rockville, Rocky River, Wilkesboro, & Fifth Creek, and the following with exceptions: Thyatira, Salisbury, Third Creek, Concord (Iredell) & Evansville. The report was received & adopted & the exceptions ordered to be noted on the books to which they were taken respectively.

Rev. M. R. Fitzpatrick of Mecklenburg Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Overture to Gen. Assy.

An overture to the Gen. Assembly, touching retrenchment, was read & after some discussion was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. A. L. Crawford, J. Rumple, R. B. Anderson & Ruling Elder A. J. Beagle.

Systematic Benevolence Report.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence offered a report, which was accepted & approved & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

Judicial com. report.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had come into their hands & asked to be discharged. The report was accepted & committee discharged.

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Com. on Sus. Com. Report.

The committee to whom the Records of the Sustentation Committee were referred reported, that they had examined the same & found the books correctly kept, & recommended that the same Sustentation Committee be reelected for another year, which report was received & adopted.

Presbytery then took a recess until after divine service.

After recess. Presbytery was called to order.

Sus. Com. Report.

Rev J. Rumple from the Sustentation Committee offered the following, which was adopted: 1. That Rev. W. A. Wood preach one Sabbath at Fifth Creek & administer the Sacrament.

Supplies.

2. That E. F. Rockwell supply Third Creek one Sabbath during the absence of the pastor to the Gen. Assembly.

3. That R. W. Boyd supply Mocksville one Sabbath during the same time.

4. That J. H. Thornwell be directed to supply Poplar Tent Church a part of the time, for the next five months, provided it can be done without injury to his work in Stanly Co, and provided further that Poplar Tent shall make a reasonable compensation for his services; but the Presbytery engages to continue to Mr Thornwell the whole salary of $700. from its Treasury.

Touching Examples.

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J. H. Colton to supply Drusilla.

5. That Rev J. H. Colton be directed to supply Drusilla Church one sabbath a month for the next year & that $75. be appropriated from the Sustentation fund for his support. & that the church at Drusilla be directed to raise what they can to supplement this sum.

Norwood Church Organized.

Rev J. H. Thornwell our evangelist made a brief, but interesting report of his work in Stanly County - He reported that on the 3rd Sunday of Dec, last, he organized a church in said County with nine members & two ruling elders - under the name of the Norwood church.
The report was approved & adopted & the name of the Norwood church was enrolled.

$35. Treasurer ordered

It was ordered that $35. of the funds contributed to the Commissioners Fund, be held by our Treasurer subject to the order of the Committee of Education.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour.
After recess.

Trial pieces for Summerell

Presbytery met & was called to order.
The committee appointed to suggest subjects for trial pieces for J. N. H. Summerell candidate, reported suggesting the following, which was adopted:
Sermon - 1st John 2:1 & 2.
Lecture - Romans 7:14-24-
Critical Exegesis - Heb. 12:18-29.
Latin Thesis - An verus Fidelis possit à fide finaliter deficere?

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Joseph Rumple Candidate.

Mr Joseph Rumple presented himself as a candidate for the ministry to be taken under the care of the Presbytery, but as the Session of the Church to which he belongs failed to send answers to the questions required by our Standing Rules, his examination was referred to the adjourned meeting to be held at Concord Church (Rodell)

J. McK. to supply Zion.

Permission was granted Zion church to employ Rev D. McKinnon as supply one Saturday & Sabbath afternoon each month at a salary of $100.

R. P. W. supply Bethesda & Shiloh.

Rev R. P. Wilson was granted permission to preach at Bethesda & Shiloh Churches until next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Overture to Genl. Assy: Retrenchment.

The Committee to whom the subject of Overture on retrenchment was referred reported the following, which was adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly:-
To the Reverend, the Genl. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to convene in the City of Louisville Ky. May 1879.
The Presbytery of Concord respectfully Overtures the venerable Genl. Assembly to take up & carefully consider the subject of retrenchment of expenses in the conduct of our ecclesiastical

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affairs, & would respectfully suggest the consolidation of the causes of Education & Publication under one Committee & one Secretary-Ship, together with the orderly abolition of the Relief Scheme. And Presbytery would further respectfully overture the Genl. Assembly to consider & adopt the plan of Biennial Assemblies, alternating with Biennial meetings of the Sevral Synods.

N.B.A. Call, Newton.

Permission was granted Rev N.B. Anderson to retain the call from Newton church to the pastorate.

Rev J. Rumple Clk. of Sustentation presented the following annual report, which was accepted & adopted:

Sus. Com. annual Rept.

Your Committee report that since the last Spring meeting of Presbytery, they have held several business meetings.

For Sustentation 21. Churches contributed $358, & 14 gave nothing. They had a balance of $106. from last year, they disbursed $312. & have $172. in the Treasury. The contributions from the churches have been too small to allow them to undertake any extended enterprises.

To the Invalid Fund 21. Chs contributed $101 & 14 gave nothing, they had a balance of $99.8 & they disbursed $100. & have made pledges for the remainder in the Treasury.

To the Evangelist Fund 21. Chs. contributed $316. with a balance of $8.48. from the last year they disbursed to our Evangelist $225.77. Adding to this $73.54

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received from churches, but not reported to Treasurer, we have a total of $299.31 paid. Rent $125— of this reason last year's salary, leaving $174.31 paid on this year's salary. To this we may add $139.61 now in the Treasury & we have a total for this year's salary of $313.92. or nearly ¾ paid & 8 months service rendered. In addition $32.50 have been paid in at this meeting aggregating $336.42.

Within the next five months we must raise $365. for this purpose.

Sus. Com Report.

Upon the matter of pastors Salaries, it is difficult to make an accurate computation. Taking the reports as made & other statements, it appears that the whole amount of money paid on Salaries, & ready to be paid is $12398. This sum divided among the 16. ministers receiving it, makes an average of $774.87½. On leaving out of the estimate two ministers, who supplement their Salaries by teaching & also the income from the Churches, & we have an average of $819.87½.

This average, all things considered, is about the same as last year.

But a fairer method of averaging will be to select only such ministers as devote their full time to the work, & whose full support from the Churches, 2½ ; 11 ministers making an equitable average of $908. On throwing off the three largest Salaries & we have $604.50. Dividing this $\frac{604.50}{8}$ & we have an average of $75.56¼ as the average Country & Village Salary.

J. Rumple (Clk)

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Rev P. P. Wilson A.S. of Sabbath Schools made a report, which was accepted & adopted & ordered to be Commended to the Genl. Assembly.

Sab. School Report.

Sus. Con. ordered

The Sustentation Committee was ordered to do what they could to secure a field of labor within our bounds for our licentiate C. W. Robinson.

The following was adopted:
Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to obtain an Evangelist to the Colored people within the bounds of this Presbytery, provided he can be supported without calling upon the funds of Presbytery. Ruling elder Wm Murdock, Rev J Rumple & Rev W. S. Wood, were appointed said committee.

Com. to obtain an Evangelist for Colored people.

Rev T. H. Paxton, Rev J. W. Collins & ruling elder J. M. Sunday, were appointed a committee to settle difficulties in Siloam Church, with full power to inflict censure if needful.

Com. to visit Siloam.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the good people of Bethel & to the citizens of Davidson College for their kindness & hospitality in entertaining the members of this body.

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Presbytery then adjourned with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction, to meet at Concord Church (Iredell) on Friday the 30th of May 1879. 11. o'clock A.M.

William W. Phaer
Stated Clerk.

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Appendix No I.

Narrative of the State of religion.

Concord Presbytery would respectfully report to the Gen'l Assembly to be held at Louisville Ky; that most of our churches have been supplied with the regular ministrations of the word, during the past year. Our ministers have endeavored to be faithful in the discharge of their official duties, & have been for the most part encouraged by the attendance upon the public means of grace. Efforts are making to supply the few vacancies which exist.

In most of our congregations the people are called together for social prayer, & in many cases, a good degree of interest is manifested in this religious exercise.

Sab. Schools.

The interest in Sabbath School work seems to be steadily increasing, & efforts are made in most of our congregations to gather all the children into the house of God for religious instruction.

Family Religion.

The worship of God in the household is still neglected to a considerable extent: although in most of our churches efforts are made by public exhortation & private admonition to impress upon the heads of families the importance of that duty.

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Christian Benevolence:

The grace of giving, so an important element in the growth of the church, we regret to say, has by no means been cultivated to the degree enjoined by the Head of the church. The calls of the church for the funds needed to execute her schemes of benevolence have not met with a favorable response. This is owing in a good degree to the stringency of the times, but it is feared that many of our people are under the domination of the worldly spirit, & have not made an entire consecration of their property to the Lord, & do not realize that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Support of the gospel:

As the spiritual condition of the church is not only affected, but in a good degree measured by the estimation in which the preaching of the gospel is held, it is evident that the failure on the part of most of our congregations to give an adequate support to their ministers, & pay in full the meagre amounts actually promised, is an unmistakable evidence that our churches are not in a spiritually prosperous condition.

Having wrangled the cause of Christ to death and the country are suffering a famine of hearing the word, & their money withheld from the Lord has been put into bags with holes. The financial pressure which has, in the Providence of God, come upon our land, because the

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people have neglected to put the Lord's tythes into his store-house. is given as an excuse for continuing to withhold them.

But pure professed converts to the self-denying religion of Jesus give such clear evidence of the reality of their conversion as was manifested in the case of Zaccus. As a general rule, those Churches which have in the purest degree devoted themselves to support the gospel in their midst, are proportionally the most prosperous of other Christian duties.

But while this is the lamentable condition of many of our churches, it is with a spirit of devout thankfulness to God that we can report the cheering fact that he has visited a few of our Churches with an out pouring of his Spirit.

May such revivals of religion as will be decided & permanent in their results be granted to all our churches.

J. Z. Thornwell, Mod

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Systematic Benevolence.

Report of Concord Presbytery to the Gen. Assembly for the year ending April 1879.

Objects	Number of Contributing Churches	Amounts
Sustentation	26	$ 190.31
Evangelistic.	28	357.53
Invalid Fund.	24	141.61
For. Missions	29	934.02
Education	24	228.19
Publication	26	110.34
Presbyterial	24	291.77
Pastors Salary paid.	29	10576.89
Congregational	27	6757.10
Miscellaneous.	19	788.04
Total	29	$20316.20

20 Churches have contributed to all the objects of benevolence ordered by the Gen. Assembly; 2 to 5 of them; 4 to 2 of them; 1 to 3 of them; 2 to 2 of them; 1 to one of them; 5 have contributed to none of them. so far as reported.

J. Z. Thornwell, Mod.

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Report of the Presbytery of Concord, on Sabbath

Names of Schools	No. on roll of Teachers	No. on roll of Scholars	Average Attendance Teachers	Average Attendance Scholars	Increase Teachers	Increase Scholars	Death
Back Creek	6	75	6	75			
Bethany	6	30	4	20			
Bethel	6	94	4	48		27	3
Bethphage	6	70	4	50	1		
Centre	9	45	7	40	1	5	
Concord (Judell)	8	75	6	60			
Concord Town	20	110	18	96			
Davidson College	11	47	11	39			
Franklin	13	97	11	70			
Hickory	14	130	9	75	3	75	
Lenoir	13	60	12	45			
Lenoir Mission	4	40	4	11			
Mocksville	9	44	9	35			1
Mooresville	9	115	8	80	1	11	
Morganton	10	81	10	70		6	1
Poplar Tent	7	80	6	40		20	
Prospect	10	80	9	70			
Rocky River	9	75	8	50			
Salisbury	15	125	14	80	3	3	
Statesville	13	112	11	75	1		
Taylorsville	7	60	6	50			
Third Creek	10	90	7	40			
Olivetia	12	157	10	125	2	10	
Unity	10	70	10	50			
Zion	8	60	6	35			
Bethesda	3	25	3	25			
Newton	8	40	6	35	1	5	
Hickory Colored	3	60	3	40			

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Schools, to the Gen. Assembly, for statistics ending April 1st 1879.

Names of Schools	No. Added to the Church of Teachers	No. Added to the Church of Scholars	Amount contributed for Own school	Amount contributed for Missionary purposes.
Scholars				
		3	8	8
			10.04	
		3	32.04	3.94
		6.		
			42.00	
		1		32.20
		3	6.00	
		3	68.82	6.33.
10		2	3.00	20.42
15				
5			4.20	
		8	31.00	
			3.00	17.97.
			10.00	
		4	57.00	
		19.	90.00	8.90
8		8		39.42.
		1		1.90
		5	21.50.	
		5	11.50	
			1.90	
		2	17.00	

D. McThorwell, Model.

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Statistical report of Concord Presbytery to the Gen. Assembly

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Gen. Assembly licentiates and 6 candidates. Viz:

Ministers Licentiates & Candidates	Post Offices	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Members	Baptisms Adult	Baptisms Infant	Sabbath Schools Scholars	Sabbath Schools Teachers	Contributions Foreign Missions	Contributions Domestic Missions	Contributions Education	Contributions Publication	Contributions Church Erection	Contributions Poor Saints	Contributions Congregational	Contributions Miscellaneous
R. B. Anderson P.	Morganton N.C.	Morganton P.	1		3	3	135	1	3	60	81	17	25-	35-	37	10.	9		600	279.	12.
" " P.E.	" "	Newton P.E.	3	2	3	5-	39	1	1	26		5-	3	5-	7	2	2	10	185-	61 5-	
R. W. Boyd P.	Wood Leaf "	Unity P.	5-	4	2	3	123	1	4	40	70	14	26	9	33	3	10	14	300	7.	8.
" " S.S.	" "	Franklin S.S.	4	6	7		140	2	5	79	11				3		4	14	62	3	
J. H. Cotton N.C.	Morganton,																				
A. D. Crawford S.S.	Mocksville "	Mocksville S.S.	3		1	1	60		1	19	55-										
P. M. Custer (Teacher)	Harrisburg "																				
J. W. Davis Fr. M.	Lowchow China,																				
G. M. Gibbs (intern)																					
L. H. Glasgow P.	Davidson College	Bethel P.	7	2	5-	1	60		2		94	1	17		10	3	2		250		9.
A. D. Hepburn S.S. Prof.	" "	Davidson College	5-		1		46		2	18	48	25-	40	15-	103	20	10	13	112	13	27.
T. P. Johnston (Elder)	Charlotte,																				
Daniel Lindley "	Brookin N.J.																				
E. McKinnon P.	Concord N.C.	Concord Country	9	6	19	5-	181	1	10	100	110	12	29	5-	38	6	6	40	1350	85-3	5-1.
" S.S.	" "	Zion S.S.	3	2			58		3	35-	60	1	4		2	2	1	2	100	15-	3.
T. A. Paxton P.	Marion "	Marion P.	2	2	1		32		5	34	15-	9	3	6	12	4	9	3	165-		8
" S.S.	" "	Siloam	2	2			43		3	35-	45-	2	2	1	1	1	2		5-3	20	
P. T. Penick P.	Mooresville "	Mooresville P.	24	4	15-	35	111		7	55-	124	6	7	4	21	34	4	10	245-	43	5-5-
" "	"	Prospect "	6	8	16	3	312		9	150	85-	2	3	5-	12	2	2	10	245-	212	8 1.
W. W. Pharr P.	N. Mount "	Centre "	8	6	6	3	119	1	8	135-	48	15-	19	7	97	19	4	15-	330	35-	15-
" "	"	Providence	5-	4		3	160		7	120	20	5-	8	2	71	5-	1	15-	395-	8	

Bethel Church N.C.

Gen. Assembly to meet at Louisville Ky May 1879.

That it consists of 23 ministers & 35 Churches. and has under its care 2

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Statistical report continued.

Ministers Secretaries & Candidates	Post Offices.	Churches	Whites	Colored	Aggregate Added on Examination	Aggregate Restored	Total Communicants
E. F. Rockwell P.	Cool Springs N.C.	Bethany S.S.	5	3		3	120
" "	" "	Tabor "	2	3			33
J. Rumple P.	Salisbury "	Salisbury "	6	6	28	7	182
J. A. Ramsay "	Mill Bridge "	Thyatira "	6	6	7	2	135
" "	" "	Back Creek "	3	3	4	3	80
J. W. Thomasville	Iran, Concord "	Poplar Tent S.S.	24	3	1	5	142
" "	" "	Norwood "	2			3	5
T. G. Thurston Sup.	Taylorsville "	Taylorsville S.S.	4	3	1		72
" "	" "	Wilkesboro "	3				19
J. M. Blakey P.	Harrisburg "	Rocky Ridge "	10	6	2	3	530
N. P. Wynn P.E.	Taylorsville "	Concord (Zion)	10	5	11	5	251
" S.S.	" "	Shiloh S.S.	3	3		4	41
" "	" "	Bethesda					
W. A. Wood P.	Statesville "	Statesville P.	10	6	8	5	185
		Third Creek S.S.	4	7	6	2	117
	Lenoir "	Lenoir "	3	3	2	2	59
	Cool Springs "	Fifth Creek S.S.	4	2	1		68
	Hickory "	Hickory "	4	4	6	4	24
	Stony Point "	Salem "	1				27
	Jefferson "	Jefferson "					3
Secretaries 2:	Morganton "	Drusilla "					131
B. R. Robinson	Lexington S.S.		36	152	111	156	94	3526
J. A. Ramsay	Mt. Mourne N.C.						
Candidates 6.							

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Baptisms Adult	Baptisms Infant	Baptisms Non-Communicants	Children in Sabbath School	Sunday Schools	Communicants	Female Prayer Meetings	Male Prayer Meetings	Education	Publications	Pastor's Salary Paid	Congregational	Miscellaneous
	30	30	5	3	1	7	3	5	2	100		
											4	1
8	12	40	128	30	50	15	60	40	5	40	1000	1126	2
	8	107	157	5	7	1	11	3		5	275	800	50
	3	40	75	4	11	1	10		2	7	350	248	
	7	60	80		12		22		15		571	1150	11
	1		1								425		
	5	15	60		15	7	12	2		10	200	30	60
	2			4	5	2	2	1	1	4	200	60	
	13	200	75	60	29	7	36	28	10		950	104	123
			60	1	1	5	5	1	1	11	104	16	
	7	43									33	30	
	7		112	22	19	14	229	19	5	35	850	210	
	4		70		8	7	10		2	7	259	11	16
2	4	31	100	1	7	9	62		3	12	314	102	30
	2		44										
2		17	127				5		1	6		1241	
19	143	1489	2191	190	357	138	919	429	117	235	10512	6984	532

Mast. Thom (S.C.)

Concord Church (Indell) N.C.

1879.
May 30th

Concord Presbytery met according to adjournment at Concord Church (Indell) May 30th 1879. at 11. o'clock A. M. & was opened with prayer by Rev T. F. Thurston last Moderator present.

The roll was made out & the following were present: Ministers- R. B. Anderson. T. F. Thurston. W. A. Wood. R. W. Boyd. J. A. Ramsay. P. R. Wynn. & Wm. W. Pharr.

Ruling elders:- J. Witherspoon of Statesville & W. T. Burke of Concord Church (Indell)

Rev J. A. Ramsay was elected temporary clerk.

D. D. Beall rec'd

Rev D. D. Beall was received on certificate, from Communication, from North Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. of America & his name enrolled.

Rev S. T. Martin of Mecklenburg Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery proceeded to hold divine worship after which Presbytery had recess for one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Upon inquiry, it was ascertained that the vacancy not clear for the installation of Rev P. R. Wynn over the Church of Concord (Indell) in that the Church was in arrears to their former Stated Supply.

W. W. Flinn candidate, applied to be examined with a view to licensure. Whereupon Revs T. F. Thurston. P. R. Wynn & J. A. Ramsay & Ruling Elder W. T. Burke were appointed

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to examine him on the Latin. Greek & Hebrew languages—the Arts & Sciences & also to examine his critical Lectures & Latin Exposés.

C. W. Robinson Licentiate, was granted leave to labor out-side the bounds of this Presbytery until our next regular meeting.

Rev B. G. Beall was granted leave to labor one half of his time at Grenoir church & elsewhere in the bounds of this Presbytery at discretion.

The committee to examine Mr Glenn on the languages & the Arts & Sciences &c. made a report which was received & further action on the report postponed until the close of his examination

Rev W. R. McLelland of East Texas Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member

A petition was read from the Church of Concord asking the Presbytery to suspend in the present case, the standing rule of Presbytery, requiring the arrears to the former pastor to be paid before an other pastor can be installed, upon the grounds that it would be oppressive upon a part of the congregation to require an immediate settlement & that the church might suffer by the delay in getting a pastor. This petition was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. R. B. Anderson,

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Wm. R. Shaw & Dr W. Boyd. Excuse of absence was granted Rev R. W. Boyd. after this evening's session.

Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow morning 9. o'clock. Closed with prayer.

May 31st

Saturday morning May 31st 9. o'clock.

The Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

The committee to whom the petition from the Concord Church was referred reported, recommending that the petition be not granted. The report was received & adopted.

Permission was granted Rev P. P. Winn to labor in the bounds of this Presbytery at his discretion, until the regular fall meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery proceded to examine Mr Glenn on Ecclesiastical History & Church Government—after which they proceded to hear his trial Sermon from the 4th Rom. 5:11.

Recess was then taken for half an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. It was announced that a satisfactory settlement of arrearages had been made between the Church of Concord & their former Stated supply (Rev W. R. McLelland) & that the way was clear for the installation of Rev P. P. Winn over said church. whereupon the said installation was made the order for to-morrow morning at 10½ o'clock.

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Rev W. B. Prisely of the 1st Presbytery of the N. C. Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr Flinn on Theology & the Sacraments.

On motion the examination of Mr Flinn was sustained as a whole. Whereupon, At Concord Church (Indell) May 31st 1879; the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favour of Mr D. W. Flinn, of his having gone through a regular course of literature: of his good moral character; & of his being in the communion of the church; & he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; & his proficiency in divinity & other studies; the Presbytery did & hereby do, express their approbation of his examination as a whole: & he having adopted the Confession of faith of this church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, & hereby do license him the said D. W. Flinn to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

D. W. Flinn licensed.

Permission was granted Mr Flinn to labor out side the bounds of this presbytery until next regular meeting.

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Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

June 1st

June 1st 1879. 10½ o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Present: P. P. Winn, R. E. Anderson, Wm W. Pharr & W. A. Wood, & ruling elder Z. T. Burke.

Presbytery then proceeded to the installation of Rev P. P. Winn over the Concord Church, when Rev W. A. Wood preached the installation Sermon & proposed the constitutional questions; Rev R. B. Anderson delivered the charge to the pastor & Rev Wm W. Pharr delivered the charge to the people. After which Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bethesda church on Saturday the 13th day of Sept, next. at 11, o'clock A. M.

P. P. Winn installed.

Closed with prayer & the apostolic benediction

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk

Examined and Approved in Synod in session at Statesville N. C. October 25 1879

E. F. Rockwell
Moderator

1879 Bethesda Church N.C.

Sept 13th The Presbytery of Concord met according adjournment at Bethesda Church Sept. 13th 1879. & was opened with a Sermon by Rev J. H. Thornwell Moderator from Jno. 1:44, and constituted with prayer.

Rev B. L. Beall was directed to act in the stead of the Stated Clerk, who was absent

The roll was called & the following members were present:

Ministers- R. B. Anderson, B. L. Beall, A. L. Crawford, D. K. Glasgow, A. S. Hyde, J. A. Ramsay, J. Rumple, J. H. Thornwell, J. M. Wharey, J. C. Wynn, W. A. Wood D. D.

Ruling Elders-	Churches
J. A. Gamin-	Newton
J. A. Beaty.	Franklin
W. L. Steel	Third Creek
A. P. Helper	Davidson College
R. C. Beaty	Mooresville
D. W. Downes	Prospect
L. M. Fun	Bethpage
J. McConnel	East Concord.
J. D. McNeely	Salisbury
E. M. Stimson	Taylorsville
J. O. McLelland	Concord (called)
J. A. White	Bethesda
M. F. Hall	Statesville
B. L. Beall	Lenoir
W. B. Bell	Salem Pisgah Church.

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Rev J. H. Thorny was chosen Moderator.
Rev J. A. Ramsay & ruling elder E. H. Stevenson were elected Sessional Clerks.
The Minutes of the last stated & adjourned meetings were read & approved.
Presbytery returns leave of absence for ¾ of an hour.
Returns.
Presbytery met.
Rev E. F. Rockwell appeared & gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.
The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Coms.

On Narrative to Synod – Rev W. R. Anderson & J. A. Gamble & J. A. Klutz ruling elders.

On Minutes of Gen. Assembly: Revs. S. T. Glasgow, N. B. Wynn & ruling Elder J. D. McNeely.

Of Finance: W. F. Hall. Rev E. S. Beall & S. H. Fair, ruling Elders.

Judicial Committee: Revs W. A. Wood D.D., A. D. Hepburn D.D., B. S. Beall & W. J. Steele & E. H. Stevenson ruling elders.

Bill & Overtures: Revs. J. W. Thornwell, J. Rumple, & A. G. Crawford, & J. C. McLelland & R. E. Beaty.

To nominate Trustees for Davidson College: Rev J. Rumple & W. W. Leonard.

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Leave of absence after this evenings session was granted Rev A. D. Hepburn D.D. & B. S. Welper.
Rev W. A. Wood D.D. E. F. Rockwell.

Supplies reports.

R. B. Anderson & J. W. Thornwell duty performed as supplies.
A written excuse for absence from the present meeting, was read from Rev D. R. Johnston & sustained as satisfactory.
Rev R. B. Anderson returned the call placed in his hands from Newton Church, as he could not see his way clear to accept it.

Call returned R. B. A.

J. C. Kennedy licentiate, made a verbal report of his labors since the last meeting, which was received & approved.

Com'tee report

Rev. A. G. Crawford reported his attendance on the last meeting of the Gen'l Assembly, which was approved,
A written excuse was rec'd & sustained as satisfactory from Rev Messr. Shaw.

The annual report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read & received as information.

L. C. W. Robinson licensed.

A letter was received from C. W. Robinson licentiate giving account of his labors & asking for a dismissal to the Presbytery of Louisville, which request was granted.

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Rev's A.D. Hepburn D.D. & L. McKinnon
D.D. were for the next four years, which report was
adopted.

A free conversation was held on the state of
religion in our bounds.

Rev R. W. Boyd & ruling elders J. Rankin
Smith & Dr J. A. Wall of Bethany, appeared
& gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Leave of absence was granted Rev L. F. Glasgow.

Presbytery spent an hour in public worship &
then repaired to dinner.

Afternoon session.

Pres. Pub. Report. Presbytery met. Rev R. F. Boyd, A.S.T. of Publication, made a report which was received, & referred to a committee consisting of Rev's A. G. Crawford, R. L. Beall & J. D. McAuley.

Com. Sus. Report Evangelist. The Committee of Substitution reported a recommendation to pay to Rev J. W. Thomas $300. to sustain him as Evangelist in Stanly Co. for one half his time for the ensuing year, which was adopted.

Rev's Ex. Order to Churches The following resolution was adopted:
Resolved. That inasmuch as this Presbytery is still indebted to the amount of $370. on account of the Evangelist in Stanly Co. that our churches & ministers be urged to collect & remit to the Treasurer the amount necessary to pay the balance due.

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Time & Place of next meeting.

Bethesda Church N.C.

Davidson College was chosen as the place, & Thursday before the third Sabbath of April 1880 11 o'clock A.m. as the Time for the next regular meeting of this body.

Presbytery took a recess to Tuesday morning 9 o'clock.

Sept 16th

Tuesday morning 9 o'clock.
Sept 16th 1879.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Roll was called & minutes read & approved.

A written excuse was read & sustained from Rev J. H. Colton for absence from the present meeting.

J. H. Colton report.

Also, a report of his labors at Mocksville Church was read & the following adopted:

Resolved. That the Presbytery approve the report of Rev J. H. Colton, & regrets that circumstances have hindered the church from securing more service, & directs Rev J. H. Colton to continue to serve the church with as much diligence as possible, till the close of the time for which he was appointed.

Com. to visit Siloam

The committee to visit Siloam Church & adjust difficulties, reported through their chairman Rev J. H. Colton, & the report was received & approved.

Trustees Bill.

The committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College reported, recommending the election of

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Revs A. D. Hepburn D.D. & D. McKinnon be sent for the next four years. which report was adopted.

A free conversation was held on the state of religion in our bounds.

Rev R. W. Boyd & ruling elders J. Rowles Smith & Dr E. A. Hall of Bethany, appeared & gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Leave of absence was granted Rev G. R. Glasgow.

Presbytery spent an hour in public worship & then took recess until after lunch.

After recess.

Pub. Com. Report.

Presbytery met. Rev R. W. Boyd, A.S.T. of Publication, made a report which was received, & referred to a committee consisting of Revs A. D. Crawford. R. L. Beall & J. D. McAuley.

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Oct 11th The order of the day was then taken up; viz; the further consideration of the report of the Committee on the "Moral & Religious condition of the Colored population;" referred from the last meeting.
The 3d & 4th resolutions appended to said report were read, and made the order of the day for tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

The committee to whom the report and books of the Asst. of Colportage were referred, made the following report, which was rec'd & adopted; viz; The committee report that they have examined the books & vouchers of the Asst, & find the accts. correct & the vouchers for all expenditures except for the Colportuer's, Blank & Smith's, bills & for Chinese labor & charges & for one counterpart 25 cts.
We would recommend the continuance of the Colportage & assist for the present.
R. L. Ewell
Com. I. D. McClung

Colportage.

The committee on the narrations offered the following which was received, approved & ordered to be transmitted to Synod:
The Presbytery of Nebraska respectfully reports to the Synod of Iowa, ordinance, the following information as to the 25 churches represented at its fall meeting:
They all are blessed with preaching at stated times, on which the attendance is good. All that are

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Oct 15th in town, with an exception or two, have prayer meetings. Sabbath Schools & Bible Classes, which are well attended.
And while a few in the country have none, the majority have; & on the whole this report is encouraging. In a few congregations, family worship is universally observed, in a few almost universally neglected, in a majority of the churches, however, most of the families have it.
With a few exceptions the cause of Temperance has made commendable advancement.
As a general thing all the benevolent operations of the church are attended to; though it is acknowledged that the contributions are not in proportion to the ability of the people to give.
In only one case has there been an extensive revival & many additions; but in most instances the spiritual condition of the churches is healthful.
R. B. Anderson Stated Clerk.

Narrative.

Beam & Abernethy appointed Messrs. Boyd & Lowrie ruling Elders.

Asst. of Colp. ordered.

The Asst. of Publication was ordered to make a supplemental report at the meeting of Presbytery during Synod at Atlantic touching Colportage.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

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Sept 16th — Tuesday morning 9. o'clock Sept 16th 1879.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer, Roll was called & minutes read & approved, Revs D. D. Dennis & T. J. Thurston & ruling Elder J. F. Hall of Bethany appeared & gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Report on minutes of Gen. Assy. — The committee to examine the minutes of the Gen. Assembly reported, that on examination, it would call the attention of the Presbytery to the following points:-

page 17 Resolution adopting the Book of Church Order.

page 35-36 Answer to overture No 6, from this Presbytery.

page 46 Resolutions 3 & 4.

page 50 "Destitution" changed to "Home Mission"

page 56 & 57 Resolutions 1 & 2.

page 57-59 Adoption (p 57) of minutes (59) recommended by committee on Sabbath Schools.

Com { D. H. Glasgow, J. P. Wynn, J. D. McAuley

The above report was received & the committee discharged.

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Sept 16th — A presbyterial committee consisting of Revs E. F. Rockwell, J. Rumple & ruling Elder D. L. Deal was appointed to cooperate with the Gen. Assembly's Committee on Sabbath School Observance.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency & practicability of Employing an Evangelist for the Colored people made the following report which was received & approved & the Committee discharged:-

Report on Colored Evangelist

1. That the committee has not been able to discover a minister suitable & willing to undertake the proposed work.

2. The committee have not felt encouraged to believe that our churches were prepared at present to undertake the support of such a laborer.

3. The territory of Concord Presbytery being covered by the laborers of another Presbytery, who are spending their efforts in every direction, your committee is reminded that were it not a sufficient call for us to enter the field, especially since it would appear to be interfering with the plans of the other Presbytery.

Com { J. Rumple, W. A. Wood, Wm Murdock

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The committee on Bills & Overtures reported no business had come into their hands & asked to be discharged. The report was received & the request granted.
Also the judicial committee reported no business in their hands - asked to be discharged the report was received & request granted.

The N.S. of Foreign Missions made the following report which was received & approved:-

Your Apt. would report as follows:
The aggregate contributions from the churches of the Presbytery or through all channels, is about the same as last year. The amount from the churches is nearly $100 above that of last year, but the Sabbath Schools only half as much as last year. Ladies Societies, however, have given this year much more - as much as was, 29 churches have given & it amounts to $827.57.

Report on Foreign Miss.

1 Church has given	$148
1 " " "	80
2 " " "	60
4 " " "	40
2 " " "	20
1 " " "	10
3 " " "	5
8 " " "	1

There are 16 Ladies Societies contributing about $160 all told.

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One of them gives about $100, another about half that amount.
There are only seven Sabbath Schools that make contributions.
Your A.S. would call attention to the liberal contributions of the Ladies Society & Female Seminary of Statesville.

J. H. Colton A.S.

The order of the day was postponed to hear the report of the committee of Education, when the committee made the following report which was received & the resolutions as amended, adopted; viz: There are at present five candidates under the care of this Presbytery, viz: J. H. Summerell, J. A. Rowe, A. W. White, W. P. Julian & Thomas J. Felton.

Report on Education

Of these, Messrs Rowe & White are beneficiaries. Mr C. W. Robinson, a licentiate, during the last year in the Seminary, received aid to the amount of $80.
Mr Rowe has received no aid during the past year. He has been engaged in teaching school, for the purpose of supporting his family, hoping that as soon as he can learn them in comfortable circumstances, he will be able, with the aid of the committee to pursue his studies in the Seminary. In the meantime, he has been studying Theology privately as far as his time & circumstances have permitted.

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sept 16th — Mr White received, during the past year, the full amt. allowed him by our rules as a gift, viz: $100. & also $35. as a loan.
He will probably need for the ensuing year about the amount he received last year.
The money which he has obtained & that which he hopes to get will afford some little aid in meeting the expenses of another session.
He has closed his junior year at Davidson College. The faculty give a good report of his diligence in study & of his exemplary moral deportment.
We recommend that he & Mr Browne be continued as beneficiaries.

Rep't. on Education

Mr Julian, by reason of the necessity laid upon him of supporting, in part, his mother & sister, has not yet secured by his work as a teacher the sum of money necessary to take him through the Seminary & he has concluded to spend another year in teaching.
Mr Summerell is now in the T. Seminary pursuing his Theological course in the Senior year.
Mr Felger has abandoned the idea of resuming his studies with a view to the ministry.
Although so small an amount has been expended for the education of our beneficiary during the past year, $35. of the sum had to be taken from its contingent fund.
And there is not in the Treasury, for Education, at the time of making this report

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sept 16th — more than $30. It cannot be accurately ascertained, so early in the current year, what amt. will be needed for the beneficiaries now on our roll.
Since the financial prospects of the country seem to be brighter, it is to be hoped that the gifts of the people of God will reach at least the amt. which has been contributed in former years.

Education rec'd.

We offer for the adoption of the Presbytery the following resolutions, viz;
1. That the name of Mr Felger be dropped from our roll of candidates for the ministry & that Mr Felger be informed that by the Committee of Education, that he is expected to refund the principal of the money expended by Presbytery for his education.

Felger dropped

2. That the ministers & Sessions be directed to seek out pious colored youth who may desire to enter the Gospel ministry, & furnish the Committee of Education with the names & P.O. address of such as they can recommend.

3. That the Presbytery shall carefully examine every colored person offering himself as a candidate for the ministry, on experimental religion & his motives for seeking the ministry & if his examination be approved, shall endeavor to secure the funds necessary to train his mind at some institution of learning approved by this Presbytery. & the Committee is allowed

to draw in any particular year, any money remaining in the Treasury for Education after the wants of the Municipalities who are directly under the care of the Presbytery have been supplied for that year.

com { R. T. Pennick
Wm. W. Pharr
J. N. Blake

Petition from Frontman's Depot.

A petition was read, signed by persons at & near Frontman's Depot, asking Presbytery to organize them into a presbyterian church. The petition was received & a committee consisting of Revs R. T. Pennick, R. P. Winn, W. A. Wood, D. D & Ruling elders C. A. McNeely & J. W. Hall was appointed to visit that place & organize a church there if they may be clear.

Petition from Enfield.

A petition signed by 17 persons in the neighborhood of Clio School House Enfield Co, was read, asking for the organization of a presbyterian church at that place. The petition was received & referred to the adjourned meeting of this body to be held at Statesville during the sessions of synod.

The order of the day was then taken up, viz: "the report of the committee on the moral & religious condition of the colored people" The 3 & 4th resolutions were read & the whole subject is laid over & postponed.

Sept 16

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted:
1. Resolved That the members of our churches & congregations are advised not to attend upon the public religious ministrations of females, because by so doing they will encourage an act forbidden by the word of God.
2. That the above be read from the pulpits by our ministers to their respective congregations.

Com. of Finance report.

The committee of Finance made the following report, which was received & approved:
The committee respectfully report that $26.27 for Evangelist. $5.00 for Foreign Missions. $6.75 for Invalid Fund came into their hands - amounting to $38.02.
Of this sum $26.27 by instructions of Presbytery were paid to Rev J. H. Thornwell Evangelist, & the balance $11.75 to J. D. McNeely for the Treasurer.

com { W. F. Hall
H. L. Beall
S. M. Finn

Shiloh. R. P. Winn supply.

A request from Shiloh church for the ministerial services, as stated supply, of Rev R. P. Winn for one fourth of his time, at a salary of $100. for one year, was read & granted.

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Bethesda P.P.M. supply.

A petition was read from Bethesd Church for the ministerial services of Rev D.P. Winn for one fourth of his time, for one year, at a salary of $185, & granted.

It was ordered that when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Statesville, during the Sessions of Synod at the call of the Moderator.

Presbytery then adjourned with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

Thos. W. Lacy.
Stated Clerk

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Adjourned meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met in Statesville at the call of the last moderator present: Rev R.B. Anderson, & was opened with prayer. Present ministers: J. Rumple, D.D. Pennick, B.L. Beall, L. McKinnon, R.B. Anderson & W.A. Wood M.M.

Ruling Elders	Churches
J.G. Hall	Hickory
A.J. Beall	Newton
E.A. Perkins	Morganton
M.W. Johnston	Concord (town)
F. Hall	
John R. White	

Rev B.L. Beall was chosen temporary clerk & J.G. Hall treasurer pro tem.

The following was adopted:

Has been attended.

Resolved That Concord Presbytery direct the Sustentation Committee to pay over to Rev J.W. Thornwell Evangelist, all funds in their hands for sustentation not inconsistent with pledges already made, until his salary is paid.

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Sus. Com. order. Co.

The Sustentation Committee was ordered to appropriate $300. to the support of Rev J. H. Flinn, until as a missionary for one half of his time in Stanly Co, as supplemental of the salary promised by the Norwood Church,

It was ordered that when this Presbytery adjourns it adjourn to meet in Salisbury on Wednesday Oct, 29th at 7. o'clock P.M.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

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Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

Rev J. H. Flinn, was chosen temporary clerk

Permission was granted W. W. Flinn licentiate to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery until the next Spring meeting.

The following supplemental report was read from the Agt. of Publication, & was received & referred for further action to the adjourned meeting to be held in Salisbury:

Dept. on Colportage.

Your Agt. of Publication would report that since the meeting of Presbytery in Sept. last, our Colportem has sold $78.90 worth of books at a profit of $20.38. The expenses of the work have been $28.35 making an actual

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loss of $7.97. Your Agt. hoped that the colportem's sales would be increased, as the business season advanced, but in this he has been disappointed. It remains for the Presbytery to day whether the work shall be continued under such discouragements.

W. W. Boyd (Agt.)

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer.

Oct 24th

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Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

It was resolved that the work of colportage be continued under the present arrangement, provided no debt be incurred.

Colportage.

The petition from the Clio School House neighborhood asking for the organization of a Presbyterian Church at that place, was taken up & the petition granted, & Revs W. A. Wood D.D., P. P. Flinn, & J. M. Alexander ruling elders were ordered to visit the place & organize a Church.

Com. to organize a Ch. at Clio

A petition from the Concord Church (Iredell) was read asking the Presbytery so to change the call from that Church for the one half of Rev P. P. Flinn's time as to read $300 instead of $400. provided that a church be organized at Clio. which was granted,

Concord Ch, Call. Changed.

Rev B. G. Brall was elected as a Trustee of this Presbytery.

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Oct 24th — It was ordered that, at the meeting of this Presbytery to be held in Salisbury, the Substitution Committee appoint Supplies for Centre & Bethphage Churches for the remainder of the present year, owing to the sickness of the Pastor.

Standing rule. Commissioners Genl. Assbly. — It was ordered, that it be a Standing Rule of this Presbytery, to nominate Commissioners to the Genl. Assembly at our Fall meetings. Whereupon Rev D. D. Reid & Dr J. J. Summerell ruling elder were nominated as principals, & Rev J. A. Ramsay & Dr. C. Hamilton ruling elder as alternate, to the next Genl. Assembly.

Standing rule Mod. — It was also made a Standing rule for this Presbytery to nominate its Moderator at each regular meeting for the next regular meeting. The nominees for the next regular meeting are Revs J. A. Ramsay & D. McKinnon.

J.R. order. — It was ordered that Rev J. Rumple preach a Sermon on Presbyterial Oversight. The 2nd night of the Spring meeting.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Salisbury Oct. 29th at 7 o'clock P.M.

Closed with prayer

Wm H. Shaw. Stated Clerk

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Oct 29th — Council Presbytery met according adjournment in the Presbyterian Church Salisbury Oct 29th 7 o'clock P.M. & after a sermon ~~a Sermon~~ by Rev J. H. Thornwell, Moderator, it was constituted with prayer.

Present ministers:
J. H. Thornwell. R. H. Boyd. J. Rumple
D. McKinnon. J. A. Ramsay.

Ruling Elders: Dr J. J. Summerell of Salisbury. J. Powless Unity, Jacob Klutz Franklin.

Rev J. A. Ramsay was chosen temporary clerk.

Rev D. H. Albeane of Orange Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Mr J. A. H. Summerell candidate having applied for examination with a view to licensure, it was resolved to hear his Lecture tomorrow at 11 o'clock & his trial sermon at 7 o'clock to night.

Mr Summerell's thesis referred to various committees for examination on his literary course.

Presbytery took recess to meet in the Study of Rev J. Rumple. After recess Presbytery met. The Latin thesis of candidate was referred to the committee on the Languages, & his Critical Essays to Revs D. McKinnon & R. H. Boyd.

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Oct 29th The examination of Mr Summerell on biblical exegesis & Hebrew was sustained.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Oct 30. Thursday morning 9. o'clock

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Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The committee to examine the Critical Exegesis of Mr Summerell reported. recommending that it be sustained as a part of trial, which report was received & adopted.

Presbytery then proceeded to the examination of Mr Summerell on the Evidences of Christianity, Inspiration of the S. Scriptures & Natural Theology.

Leave of absence was granted Rev R. W Boyd & J. Bowles.

Presbytery then took recess for half an hour.

After recess. Presbytery met.

Rev J. J. Renn of the M. E. Church South being present, was invited to sit as a ~~Visiting~~ ~~Corresponding~~ member.

Presbytery then proceeded with the examination of Mr Summerell on Church History. which examination

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Oct. 30 was sustained. Presbytery then took recess until 3. o'clock P.M.

After recess. Presbytery met & proceeded with the examination of Mr Summerell on Church Government & the Sacraments & Revealed Theology. which examinations were sustained.

Rev G. M. Gibbs of Fayetteville Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The committee to examine the Latin Thesis of Mr Summerell reported. recommending its approval as satisfactory part of trial, which was adopted.

Time of next meeting changed.

It was ordered that the time of the Spring meeting of Presbytery be changed from Thursday before the 3d Sabbath of April to Thursday before the 4th Sabbath of April 1880 11. o'clock A.M.

Presbytery took recess until the hour of public worship.

After recess. Presbytery met & proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Mr Summerell from 1 John 2:1-2.

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The examination of Mr Summerell being sustained as a whole & all its parts;

Presbytery then proceeded to the licensure of Mr J.N.H. Summerell. He having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; & as to his proficiency in divinity & other studies; the Presbytery did, & hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; & he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did & hereby do license him, the said J.N.H. Summerell to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

J.N.H. Summerell licensed.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Davidson College on the 22nd day of April 1880 at 11. o'clock A. M.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William W. Khaw
Stated Clerk

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Pro re nata meeting.

In pursuance of the following call of the moderator, viz:

Harrisburg Dec 8 1879.

By authority of the Form of Government Ch. Sec 248. 2 hereby call a meeting of Concord Presbytery at Mooresville Dec. 20th 1879 at 11. o'clock A. M. to consider & act on a request of Rev P. D. Pennick for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between him & the Prospect Church.

J.M. Wheaney, Mod.

Presbytery met at Mooresville Dec. 20th 1879 11. o'clock A. M. and was constituted with prayer by Rev W. A. Wood D.D. last Moderator present.

Present: Ministers - P. D. Pennick. W. A. Wood D.D. & J. A. Ramsay.

Ruling elders:- R. C. Beaty Mooresville, J. S. Beaty Prospect. & J. R. McAnly Centre.

Rev P. D. Pennick presented a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself & Prospect Church, giving as his reason the failure of health.

P.D.D. Pastoral relation dissolved

J. S. Beaty - ruling elder stated that the church of Prospect concurred in the request. Whereupon Presbytery dissolved the relation & directed Rev P. D. Pennick to preach at Prospect & declare said Church vacant. Presbytery then adjourned, sine die

Wm. W. Khaw Stated Clerk

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Concord Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment at Davidson College. April 22nd 1880 at 11.00 o'clock A.M. & was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator Rev Jas H. Wheary from Psalm 138: 2. "For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." After which presbytery was constituted with prayer.

In the absence of the Stated Clerk Rev J. Rumple was requested to act in his stead.

At the calling of the roll the following ministers & elders were present:

Ministers- R. D. Anderson. R. W. Boyd. J. H. Colton. A. D. Crawford. P. H. Custer. A. D. Hepburn D.D. D. McKinnon. P. J. Reniek. E. F. Rockwell. J. Rumple. J. H. Thornwell. J. A. Ramsay. T. G. Thurston. J. H. Wheary. P. P. Winn. & W. A. Woods D.D.

Ruling Elders.	Churches represented:
J. G. Martin	Back Creek.
M. L. Morrison	Bethany.
Dr J. E. Alexander	Bethel
E. McNeill	Bethesda
C. M. D. Govenstet	Bethpage
E. H. McNeely	Centre
Charles King	Clio
M. W. Johnston	Concord Town
J. M. Alexander	Concord (Indell)
Prof J. R. Sampson	Davidson College
Dr J. R. C. Adams	Fifth Creek

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Ruling elders — Churches represented:
J. A. Klutz — Statesville
J. G. Wall — Hickory
Dr R. L. Beall — Lenoir
W. N. Johnston — Mooresville
R. R. Russell — Morganton
D. G. Eaton — Newton
Thos. H. Robinson — Poplar Tent.
T. F. Beaty — Prospect.
Dr J. R. Wilson — Rocky River
Wm Murdock — Salisbury
Dr M. W. Hill — Statesville
J. M. Stevenson — Taylorsville
Dr J. G. Ramsay — Third Creek
J. K. Graham — Thyatira
E. Price — Unity
J. D. Pinley — Wilkesboro.
J. W. Fisher — Zion.

Mod. Rev J. A. Ramsay was chosen Moderator & Rev R. W. Boyd & J. G. Wall, T. C. temporary Clerks.

Presbytery then took recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

After recess

Presbytery met.

The minutes of the last stated meeting, of two adjourned meetings of the Presbytery were read & approved,

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Rev B. L. Beall appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Revs S. G. Chester, M. R. Kirkpatrick, & J. F. Seaman of Mecklenburg Presbytery being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members,

Cor. Members

Candidate A. W. White was presented for examination on his literary course, when he was referred to the appropriate standing committee for examination.

A. W. White exam'd

Revs R. M. Cuthbertson & D. McKinnon gave satisfactory reasons for absence from the last stated meeting.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:-
Narrative to Gen'l Assembly: Revs R. L. Beall, R. B. Anderson & Ruling Elders Dr J. G. Ramsay & S. C. Rankin.

Evangelistic Work: Rev D. McKinnon & Ruling Elder M. G. Morrison & J. K. Graham.

Corns. & Mod.

Systematic Benevolence: Rev W. A. Wood & Ruling Elders J. G. Wall & D. G. Eaton

Minutes of Synod: Rev R. M. Cuthbertson & Ruling Elder J. B. Alexander & C. M. McAuley.

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Of Finance: Rev E. F. Rockwell & Ch. W. Johnston & J. R. Wilson Ruling Elder

On Report & Records of Institution Com, Rev J. H. Sedton & Ruling Elders Wm Murdock & J. M. Alexander.

Judicial Committee — Revs J. M. Wilson A. D. Crawford & Ruling Elders E. Rice & D. F. Bratt.

Bills & Overtures — Revs J. H. Thornwell D. D. Pierce & Ruling Elder J. R. Wilson & J. M. Stevenson.

Devotional Exercises: Rev A. D. Stephenson & Prof J. R. Sampson.

Sessional Records — Rev D. J. Johnston & Ruling Elders M. W. Wilds. R. H. Pressed W. A. Johnston. A. Flinty & C. M. D Goodnight,

Prof J. R. Sampson was appointed temporary Treasurer.

The Sessional reports were called for & presented.

Coms. by Mod.

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The committee appointed to organize a Church in the Cleo neighborhood of Concord Church, Iredell, reported that they met at Cleo Academy Nov. 29th 1879 & on that day at 12 M. organized a Church with 26 members. The Church then elected two Elders & one Deacon who were duly installed & the committee, three Ruling Elders were also elected by the newly organized Church & that the Church desire to be enrolled by the name of 'Cleo'. The report was received & adopted & the name of Cleo Church ordered to be enrolled.

Committee { Wm W. Wood, D. D. Pierce & J. M. Alexander

Cleo organized,

The narratives from the Churches on the State of religion were read & referred to the Committee on the narratives.

The Sabbath School reports & reports on Systematic Benevolence from the Churches were presented & referred to the appropriate committees.

Cor. Member

Rev W. W. Pharr of Mecklenburg Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee on Devotional exercises reported that Rev E. F. Rockwell would preach tonight.

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Presbytery then adjourned to meet at 8½ o'clock tomorrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

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April 23. Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The roll was called & the minutes read, corrected & approved.

Dr D. K. X. Adams of Fifth Church Chs, appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Rev L. H. Glasgow also appeared & rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Com. to Gen. Assy. Rev P. F. Penick & Dr J. J. Summerell with Rev J. M. Shaver & R. C. Hamilton as their alternates respectively, were chosen as commissioners to the next Gen. Assembly to meet at Charleston S. C.

Glasgow nominated as Mod. Rev L. H. Glasgow was nominated as Moderator for the next Regular meeting of this body.

W. W. Fleming dismissed. W. W. Fleming licentiate was dismissed at his own request to Louisville Presbytery Miss.

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Call, Taylorsville S. S. The Taylorsville Church presented a call for the pastoral services of Rev S. G. Thurston, promising him a salary of $250, per annum for one half his time, payable in quarterly installments, which call was placed in his hands.

Franklin refused. The Franklin church presented a request for the ministerial services of Rev R. W. Boyd promising a salary of $265, per annum, which was refused on account of arrears to former minister.

Report on Minutes of Synod. The committee on the minutes of Synod made the following report which was received:

Your committee call attention to the following resolutions adopted by Synod: Page 74.

1. Resolved That all our Presbyteries be urged to enter upon the work of Colportage & to prosecute it further & to the fullest extent of their means & opportunities.

2. That in the selection of Sabbath School literature, the preference shall be given to the publications of our Committee by our ministers & Churches, & officers of Sabbath Schools & heads of families.

Page 82. Resolved that we recommend that our Presbyteries endeavor to raise for the objects of Home Missions & Evangelistic work $6000 in the aggregate.

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or an average of 35 cts per communicant.
2. That we recommend that our Presbyteries be urged to raise for Foreign Missions the aggregate of $12000, or an average of seventy cts per communicant.
3. That in order to accomplish this purpose, our Ministers be urged to employ the approved agencies in use, viz: the circulation of the Missionary, the monthly concert of prayer, & the faithful & frequent prosecution of these causes from the pulpit.

Com. { P.H. Custer, J.B. Alexander, E.H. McNeely

The committee of substitution made a report which was discussed & recommitted to the committee by request of committee.

Rev J.H. Colton made report of his labors at Drusilla. Rev B.L. Bruce of his missionary work around Lenoir. Rev P.P. Winn of his labors in the mountains. & Rev J.H. Thornwell of his evangelistic work in Stanly Co, which reports were approved.

Supplies reported.

The committee appointed to revise the assessments of the Churches made following report which was adopted:—

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Assessment of the Churches.

Total assessment as per present scale. $ 455.
Expenses-Colemen's salary & postage $ 55.
Assessment of Gen. Assembly — $ 70.
" " " Synod $ 37.50
Expenses of Commissioners to Gen. Assy — $ 100.
Minutes of Gen. Assembly — 55 × 30 cts = $ 16.50.
Printing & Stationary — $ 10.
Delinquent Churches — $ 100.
Total — $ 389.

Assessment of Churches.

Excess over expenses — $ 66.
This will allow a reduction of about 14 per ct, or a general reduction of about ⅛ on the present round number.
The following is a list of the assessments as at present with about one ⅛ of the sum subtracted. viz:

Back Creek	$ 10
Bethany	9
Bethel	9
Bethesda	9
Bethphage	13.
Centre	13
Clio	3
Davidson College	11
Concord (Rural)	14
Concord Town	35
Drusilla	1
Fifth Creek	11.

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Franklin	$12
Hickory	5-
Lenoir	10
Marion	5-
Mocksville	6
Morganton	15-
Mooresville	9
Assessmt. Newton	7
Poplar Tent	2
Prospect	25-
Rocky River	17
Salem	3 5-
Salisbury	1
Shiloh	3 5-
Statesville	3
Taylorsville	3
Third Creek	8
Thyatira	12
Unity	12
Wilkesboro	12
Zion	3
	2.
	397.00

J. Kemple, Clerk.

D. H. Robinson & Poplar Tent appeared in Presbytery & gave reasons for tardiness.

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Exam. of A.V. White reported.

The committee on Languages & also on the Arts & Sciences reported the examination of Mr White candidate, on these subjects as satisfactory, accepted.

Rev Wm W. Shaw appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory cause for tardiness.

White, Subject.

The following subject was assigned Mr White for his Latin Thesis: "Duo rationes ne necessitas Deus homo factus sit"

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Rev S. Kemple preach tonight on Presbyterial Sermon.

J.C. Kennedy, Licentiate reported his labors during the past six months.

J.C.K. report.

Rev W.P. Williams of the M. E. Church South being present was introduced as a visiting brother.

Cor. Mag.

Newton was chosen as the place & Thursday before the 1st Sabbath of Oct, 7. o'clock P.M. as the time for the next Regular meeting of this body.

Place & Time of next meeting

Newton was chosen as the place & Thursday the 30th of September next, 7. o'clock P.M. as the time for the next Regular meeting of this body.

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call from Lawndum's N.B.A.

A communication embracing a call from the Lawndum Church S.C. for the pastoral services of Rev R.B. Anderson, was read & being found in order, the commission from said Church was heard, & after him, Rev A.D. Hepburn D.D. representing, by request, the Morganton Church, giving reasons pro & contra respectively, touching the removal of Rev R.B. Anderson. The parties being heard, Presbytery placed the call in his hands for his consideration.

Jefferson Church, erected.

It was ordered that the name of Jefferson Church be stricken from the roll & the names of the members be transferred to the Church of Wilkesboro.

Sessional Records, report.

The committee to examine Sessional Records reported recommending the approval of the following: Centre, Moorsville, Rocky River, Morganton, Hickory, Davidson College, Bethany, Statesville, Franklin, Newton, Salisbury, Taylorsville, Wilkesboro, Zion, Prospect, Concord (Cabell), Concord Town, Bethel, Bethesda, Olivet, Poplar Tent, Third Creek, & County.
And the following with exceptions: Shiloh, Unity, Lewis's Fork Church, & Cashaway. The report was adopted & the exceptions ordered to be noted on the

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books to which they were taken respectively.

Com. of Finance report.

The committee of Finance reported the following, which was accepted:
The committee have examined the Treasurer's Book & find it correctly kept & proper vouchers for his disbursements, & the following balances in his hands:-

	For
Foreign Mission -	$ 4.00
Education	100.98
Coms Fund	109.76
Invalid Fund	117.18
Evangelist Fund	107.11
Publication	145.33.

Coms { E. F. Rockwell, D. E. Wilson, M. W. Johnston

Stimpson letter.

A letter from Mr Stimpson returning certain sums of money to the Treasurer of Presbytery, received of the Com. of Education, was read.

Clio supply.

Permission was granted to Clio Church to employ Rev D.F. Wynn one fourth of his time as Stated supply, for one year at a salary of $112.50.

Leave of absence was granted M. W. Johnston, Chamberlain & Rev S. F. Thruston

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Rev J. Rumple from the Committee of Institution made a report, which, as amended, was adopted as follows;

The Comm. of Institution beg leave to report the following;

Svs. Comm. Report.

In consequence of the limited amount of funds contributed by the Churches to the cause of Institution, & the more complete grouping of our churches into self-sustaining fields, the operations of the Committee have not been as great as in former years.

They have appointed Rev C. W. Cotton to labor one fifth each month at Unionville pledging him $175 for the year from April 1879 to April 1880.

They also appointed Rev B. L. Beall to labor as a missionary in Caldwell Co, one half his time from Sept. 1879 to Sept 1880

The committee have also taken supervision of the Evangelistic work in Stanly Co, & attended to the payment of his salary for the last year.

The committee also attended to the distribution of the Synod's Fund.

J. Rumple (Chr,

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Supplementary Report,

Svs Comm. Report.

The Committee of Institution in view of the great demand for Evangelistic labor both in the Eastern & western part of the Presbytery, as well as to supply the vacancies in the central parts of the Presbytery, recommend for the adoption of the Presbytery the following resolutions, viz;

Comm. Woods, Irwin & Hall (p. 63).

1 Resolved That a committee consisting of Revs W. A. Wood D.D. P. P. Winn & J. M. Hall ruling elder be appointed to take charge of Evangelistic work in the western part of the Presbytery, That they secure an Evangelist to concentrate his labors chiefly at his or more of the most promising points beyond the Blue Ridge, that they raise the funds for his support in all the Churches of the presbytery, except those in Cabarrus Co, & the Salisbury Church & that the salary of the Evangelist be not exceeding six hundred dollars per annum,

Comm. Wheeg. McKinnon & Johnston

2. That Revs J. M. Wheeg. L. McKinnon & M. W. Johnston D.D. be appointed as a committee to take charge of Evangelistic work in the Eastern part of the Presbytery, to procure an Evangelist & raise funds for his support in the Churches of Cabarrus Co, & in the Salisbury Church,

Cotton supply.

3. That Rev J. H. Cotton visit Prospect & Fifth Creek Churches & hold communion services.

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Anderson & Thurston ordered.

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H. That Revs R. B. Anderson & T. G. Thurston be directed to look up some favorable points in Catawba Co, & see that religious services are occasionally held at such points.

J. Rumple, Clerk.

Presbytery took a recess till time for divine service to night.

After recess.

Sermon ordered.

Presbytery met & heard the sermon ordered by Presbytery. Sermon preached by Rev J. Rumple. from 1 Pet. 5: 1-4.

J. W. Davis's resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted:
Whereas the Rev John W. Davis, a member of this Presbytery & a missionary of our church in Inchow China, has made an appeal to the churches of our Synod, to raise the sum of $1000 with which to purchase a permanent location for a mission Chapel & erect a chapel thereon, therefore:
1. Resolved That the churches of Concord Presbytery be urged to raise at once the sum of $200 for this purpose.

2. That the pastors & Stated supplies of this Presbytery & the Sessions of vacant churches be instructed to commend this important object to our people & take up collections as soon as possible.

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Revs W. A. Wood, J. M. Wharey & Wm Murdock, D. D. were appointed a committee to prepare a paper touching Presbyterial oversight.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning 8½ o'clock,
April 24. 1880.

April 24. Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The roll was called & Minutes of yesterday read & approved.

The following report, as amended, was adopted:

Sab. Observance report.

The committee appointed at last meeting to correspond with the chairman of the Gen'l Assembly's, Rev Stacy, on Sabbath Observance, beg leave to report that soon after their appointment they informed him & have received some communications in reply in Nov & Feb, last.

They wish us to state the status of the work in our Presbytery, whether the observation of the day is on the increase or decrease, & whether we are doing anything for the arrest of the evil.

We hope to gain at this meeting such information as to answer this inquiries.

We have also sent to us Resolutions of an international Sabbath Association which recommend a complete organization

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of every church, State, Territory, District, City & town in the work of maintaining Sabbath Observance.

Our Church has always been forward in this work. The minutes of the Gen. Assembly & of our Synod & Presbytery show their zeal in this matter: some of our congregations once had associations for this purpose, & circulated documents on this subject.

Sab. Observance Report.

We rejoice that the matter is so thoroughly agitated, to meet the great evil that is flooding the country.

1. We recommend that all our preachers should post themselves to procure & circulate papers & documents such as the Sabbath manual of the A. T. Society & especially the essay of Rev James Stacy D.D. published by our Board at Richmond & the International Reporter.

2. That at least one sermon each year be preached in every congregation on some point connected with this subject.

3. That one sermon next Fall be preached before Presbytery.

4. That a brief statement of the action of our ecclesiastical bodies, some of which are very strong papers, be published in a form to show all our people what has been done formerly.

E. F. Rockwell
Com. C. Mayhew
W. L. Reid

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P. T. P. C. Preach on Sab. Observance

Rev P. T. Penick was selected to preach at the next Fall meeting on Sabbath Observance.

The Committee on the Narration to the Gen. Assembly was enlarged by adding the names of T. H. Robinson J. T. Finly & J. M. Fisher.

Bethesda sup'y A. P. C.

Bethesda Church was granted permission to employ Rev A. L. Crawford for one fourth his time at a salary of $250. per annum, & Shiloh for one half his time at a salary of $500. per annum.

Frontisman Com. reports

The committee to organize a church at Frontisman's Depot, report that they had not been able to accomplish the work, which report was accepted & the committee continued.

Franklin referred to Mis. Comm.

The action of Presbytery upon the application of Franklin church for the services of Rev W. W. Boyd, was reconsidered, & the application referred to the Mission Committee.

Pres. Organ Com. Rpt.

The committee appointed to bring in a paper relating to the question of Presbyterial Evangelist, reported recommending: 1st That to the list of questions in the Narrative of the Churches, the following question be added: 2. Your Session faithful in administering discipline

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Standing Rule,

2. That each minister be required to make a verbal report of his work at each Fall meeting,

Com. { W. A. Wood
Rich. Wharey
Wm Murdock.

The A. S. of Publication made the following report;-

Your A. S. in obedience to instructions given at the adjourned meeting at Statesville, has kept a Colporteur (Mr Robt. Monroe) in the field until the 7th inst. when his services ceased by the death of his horse.

A. S. of Publication Report,

During this time the Colporteur sold books to the amt. of $376.33, at a profit of $107.68. which has been absorbed by expenses to the amt. of $130.87. An excess of expenses beyond profits of $23.27.

There are books on hands to the amt. of $276.41, at cost value.

There is no money in the hand of the A. S. $11.63. while there is due him from the Colporteur $34.68. The vehicle & harness are in poor order.

The note of the Committee of Publication has all been paid to the A. S. The whole amt. of capital which of horse & vehicle & harness, is now only $114.85 not enough to keep a good stock of books even if provided with a horse. Under all these unfavorable circumstances, your A. S. recommends that it not be discontinued.

R. H. Boyd A. S.

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Colportage Com.

The foregoing report was received & a committee consisting of Rev's R. H. Boyd, P. J. Pearce & Prof J. R. Blake, appointed to confer with a similar committee appointed by Mecklenburg Presbytery, to arrange if practicable & agreeable for carrying on the Work of Colportage in the bounds of Presbytery by co-operation.

Narrative Report.

Rev D. G. Beall from the committee on the Narratives to the Gen'l Assembly made a report which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen'l Assembly.

Narratives from Churches Report.

The committee to whom was referred the narratives on the Churches reported, recommending the approval without exceptions of the following: Prospect. Taylorsville Back Creek. Statesville. Thyatira. Salisbury. Unity. Mooresville. Morganton. Mt Hebron. Mocksville. Poplar Tent. Siloam. Marion. Third Creek. Bethel. Davidson College. Centre & Bethphage.

And the following with exceptions: Clio. Concord. Bethel, Concord Town. Zion. Newton. Hickory. Hopewell. Bethany. Lincoln. Shiloh. Franklin. Bethesda. Beattie Creek. Norwood. Tabor. Which report was accepted & adopted.

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Sys. Bev. report

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence made a report which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

Sab. School report

The A.S. of Sabbath Schools made report which was accepted & adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

P.P. Winn, A.S.

Zion supply

Zion Church was permitted to secure the services of Rev. D. McKinnon one Sabbath evening & one Saturday evening of each month, at a salary of $100. per annum.

Treasurer order

It was ordered that the Treasurer pay to each of the commissioners to the Genl. Assembly, $25. to defray their expenses.

Wood & Winn to install T.J.D. Taylorsville

The call placed in the hands of Rev T. J. Thurston from Taylorsville Church was accepted by him, & Revs W. A. Wood & P.P. Winn appointed to install him pastor of said Church. The former to preside & charge the pastor & the latter to charge the people.

Sab. Sch. Mt. paid

The Salary & acct. of the Stated Clerk amounting to $53. was presented & ordered to be paid.

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Treasurer protem report

Prof. J.R. Sampson, Treasurer protem, made a report of moneys received during the session of Presbytery which was approved & the moneys ordered to be transmitted to the Presbyterial Treasurer.

Evangelistic Committee report

The Committee on Evangelistic work reported that the action under the report of the Committee of Sustentation, left nothing additional claiming the attention of Presbytery which report was accepted & the Committee discharged.

A.D. Mc's order

Dr A.D. McPherson was directed to preach one Sabbath at Mooresville during the absence of the pastor to the Genl. Assembly.

Sus. Com. Report

The Committee to examine the Records & Report of the Committee of Sustentation made the following report which was received & adopted.
Your Committee respectfully report that they have examined the Records & Statements of the Coms of Sustentation of contributions to Sustentation & find the Records & Statements correct.
1. We recommend that the orders for the payments of sums made upon the Treasurer be also recorded.
2. We recommend the approval of this action.

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3, We recommend that the present Committee be continued.

com, { J. H. Colton
W^m Mundock
Jall. Alexander

Lemmell, J. N. H. Lemmell was granted permission to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery,

Leave of absence was granted M. W. Johnston,

Presbytery took recess till 2½ o'clock,
After recess,

Presbytery met,

Leave of absence was granted M. J. Monroe J. H. Alexander, Dr M. W. Dargan & M. Stimson & J. H. Graham.

The Committee on Bills & Overtures report no business in their hands - the report was rec^d & Committee discharged.

The Judicial Committee reported no business on hand & the report was received & committee discharged,

Com. Eds White order

The Committee of Education was directed to furnish N. H. White candidate, with suitable testimonials for his reception into the Theological Seminary.

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Rule suspended, General rule No 5. for the government of the Committee of Education, was suspended in the case of A. H. White candidate,

Mutoh supd, Mutoh Church was permitted to employ Rev R. P. Mimms as Stated supply, for one fourth of his time, at a salary of $ 80. per annum,

order Rev B. G. Beall was directed to visit Catawba Station & preach there.

Vote of Thanks, The following was adopted; Resolved That the thanks of this body are due to this community & more especially the Citizens of Davidson College, for the generous hospitality which has been extended to the members thereof during its meeting; now closing - to Faculty of the College, for much kindly interest, accomodation & color bestowed; to the Christian spirit in which our communion have mingled with us; to the various Rail Roads for accomodation extended; to one & all Concord Presbytery hereby & now gratitude & thankfulness.

The minutes were read & approved, when Presbytery adjourned to meet at Newton on the 30th of Sept, next at 7. o. clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk
(T.)

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Appendix No I.

Narrative to Genl. Assembly to meet at Charleston S. C.

Concord Presbytery would respectfully report to the Genl. Assembly that the official fidelity of our ministers in preaching the Gospel & administering discipline &c. is on the main, commendable. Our ruling elders do not, in every instance, officially visit the families under their care nor catechise the children thereof: & the deacons do not care for the poor to the same extent that their office demands. Attendance on the services of the sanctuary is encouraging. No special out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, except one piece of our Church's

Although intemperance & worldly amusement do not prevail to such an extent as to give serious trouble & subject of church discipline; still we fear that there is too much tendency toward these evils among worldlings & non-communing members. Family worship is observed, if not in every one of our congregations, in the great majority thereof: but still too much neglected.

Catechetical instruction is deplorably neglected in our families. Not attended to to some extent in our Sabbath Schools.

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The observance of the Sabbath does not fall below that of some years past, but we cannot say there is any marked improvement. God's people as a body fall below their duty & privilege in worshiping God with their substance.

All our Churches have the stated ministrations of the Word, except three or four.

With the exception of one or two Sabbath Schools for their instruction, & occasional preaching by ministers, we are doing nothing directly for the spiritual welfare of the colored people.

D. L. Hall (Chn)

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No 2.
Systematic Beneficence.

Report for the year ending April 1880.

Objects	No. churches contributing	Amounts.
Institution	32 -	$318.97
Evangelistic	30 -	439.88
Invalid Fund	26 -	120.85 -
For. Missions	30 -	991.39
Education	28 -	220.21.
Publications	28 -	154.87
Presbyterial	21 -	308.11.
Sus. Destitute	10 -	28.80
Pastors Sal's paid	30 -	115-23.72.
Congregational	27 -	4987.80
Miscellaneous	14 -	392.74
Total -		19188.54.

Remarks- 23 churches have contributed to all the objects ordered by the Gen'l Assembly; 6 to nine of them; 3 to two of them & 5 have contributed to one of them.

Com { W. A. Wood
J. L. Wall

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Sabbath School Report of the Synod Assembly for the year ending April 1880.

	Names of Schools	No. on roll Teachers	No. on roll Scholars	Av. attendance T.	Av. attendance S.	Increase T.	Increase S.	Decrease T.	Decrease S.
1	Back Creek	7	65	6	50				
2	Bethany	6	30	5	20				
3	Bethel	4	75	4	40				
4	Bethesda	4	35	3	25				
5	Bethphage	7	80	5	50				
6	Centre	6	45	5	40				
7	Concord (2nd)	10	90	7	60				
8	Concord (Centre)	19	130	14	82		60		
9	Davidson College	11	63	10	50	2	14		
10	Fifth Creek	8	80	7	70				
11	Franklin	5	35	4	20			1	
12	Hickory	15	98	12	80	1			39
13	Lemon	9	55	8	63				
14	Mocksville	5	27	5	25				
15	Mooresville	17	198	16	160	8	71		
16	Morganton	12	80	12	70				
17	Newton	6	36	6	30				
18	Norwood	5	30	5	25				
19	Poplar Tent	6	50	5	35				
20	Prospect	10	102	10	90	2	15		
21	Rocky River	10	150	8	100				
22	Salisbury	16	130	12	85		2		
23	Shiloh	8	20	4	15			1	
24	Statesville	14	[illegible]	12	80				2

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No. added to class T.	No. added to class S.	Amounts contributed to Sab. Sch.	Amounts contributed to Missionary purposes, S.S. &c.
	3		
	6	$20.69	
	2		
	16	1.50	
			$3.00
	3 2		
	5	41.00	
			27.14
	18	3.90	
	4		
	8	31.80	8.80
	1	3.00	14.29
		1.10	
	8	32.00	15.16
1	1	24.00	30.90
	5		
		8.00	2.00
		4.00	1.25
	4	6.00	
		16.00	
			50.00
	11		35.00

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	Names of Schools	No. on roll		Av. Attendance		Teachers
		C.	C.	C.	C.	C.
25	Taylorsville	9	70	8	50	1
26	Third Creek	10	90	8	60	2
27	Olivetina	5	75	5	75	
28	Unity	10	100	8	60	
29	Zion	8	60	7	35	
	Total —	259	2212	220	1605	16

Remarks: There are 29 Sabbath Schools, all under the control of the Session & all using the Lesson Papers,

J. P. Wilson Supt

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	Names	No. added on				Amts. contributed to own School	Amts. contributed to Missionary purposes
	C.	C.	C.	C.	C.		
10				1			$3.25
15				50			
8						$1.83	3.24
				24			
						4.00	
	143	1	41	1	189	$194.77	$191.56

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Presbyterial Report to the Synod, Assembly

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Synod, and has under its care 3 licentiates and

Ministers Licentiates & Candidates	Post Office	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Total of Communicants	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Not Baptized & non-communicants	Children in Sab. School	Teachers	Contributors	Ordinations	Dismissions	Publications	Portion Paid	Contributions	Miscellaneous
R. A. Anderson	Morganton N.C.	Morganton P.	3	1	4	2	121	2	2		86	16	17	17	53	10	5	600	446	
" " S.S.	Newton "	Newton S.S.	3	3	8		36	2	1	13	36	3	6	1	1	2	1	20 150	590	
D. L. Beall "	Lenoir "	Lenoir "	3	2	1	6	47		5	48	55	1	5		59	10	3	12 264	48	35
R. W. Boyd P.	Wood Leaf "	Unity P.	5	4	9		158	11	10	60	100	12	28	8	13	11	7	14 280	288	7
" " S.S.	Salisbury "	Franklin S.S.	4	6	15	3	151	3	12	80	35	10	38	3	6	9	5	12 260	57	
J. H. Cotton W.L.	Morganton "																			
A. L. Crawford S.S.	Mocksville "	Mocksville S.S.	3			1	60			20	27	2	2		5	1		2 439	18	
" " "	"	Bethesda "	3	4	3		100		6	26	30	3	13	3	4	1		6		
" " "	"	Third Creek "	4	7	64	6	176	10	16		90	8	10	4	4	9	5	9 425	17	
P. M. Buist Teacher	Harrisburg "																			
Jas. M. Davis Evan.	Loochoo China																			
E. R. Glasgow A. Dav. College	N.C.	Bethel P.	7	2	6				5			8	2	1	3	9	3		11	40
A. D. Hepburn D.D. Pres. Dav. College	"	Davidson College	5		3	3	106			18	63	58	58	15	129	15	15	13	11	20
J. P. Johnston Superin.	Charlotte "																			
Saml. Lindsay Superin.	Brooklyn N.Y.																			
E. McKinnon Concord	N.C. Concord Town P.		9	5	8	3	189		11	125	120	10	29		35	13	13	40 1350	1563	
" " S.S.	" " Zion S.S.		3	2		3	59		2	35	60	1	2	1	2	1	4	2 100	1	
J. N. Paylor P.	Marion "	Marion P.	2	2	4	23	35	1	2	29	15	6	6	5	7	5	5	144	15	32
" " "	" "	Siloam "	2	2		3	40		5	38		2	3	2	2	2	1	54		
R. D. Pennick "	Mooresville "	Mooresville "	4	4	10	7	116		8	65	198	7	14	3	80	39	1	10 450	90	0
Wm. M. Pharr "	Mt. Mourne "	Bethphage "	5	5	7		1	2	6	100	70	5	17	2	9	5	1	310	15	
" " "	" "	Centre "	7	6	3	1	1		5	140	45	8	9	4	75	7	3	3 350		22

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Formed at Charleston S.C. May 1880.

Assembly that it comprises 23 ministers & 36 churches 3 candidates, viz;

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Ministers Secretaries & Candidates	Post Offices.	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate
J. A. Ramsay P.	Mill Bridge N.C.	Thyatira N.	6	6	9	5
" " "	" " "	Back Creek "	3	3	3	1
E. F. Rockwell S.S.	Cool Spring "	Bethany S.S.	5	3	3	1
" " "	" " "	Tabor "	2	2		
J. Rumple P.	Salisbury "	Salisbury P.	6	6	1	4
J. H. Thornwell, EV,	Concord "	Norwood S.S.	2	1	6	6
T. J. Thurston P. &	Taylorsville "	Taylorsville "	4	3	4	
" " "	Hickory "	Hickory S.S.	4	4	8	1
" " "	Wilkesboro "	Wilkesboro "	3			1
J. M. Wharey P.	Harrisburg "	Rocky Mount "	10	6		1
P. P. Winn P.	Statesville "	Concord Ch.	8	3	38	5
" " S.S.	"	Shiloh S.S.	3	3		1
" " "	"	Clio "	2	1		
W. A. Wood P.	Statesville "	Statesville "	9	6	19	3
"	Cool Spring "	Fifth St. "	4	2	48	4
23.	Concord "	Poplar Tent "	4	3	8	3
	Mooresville "	Prospect "	9	8	4	
	Stony Point "	Salem "				
	Morganton "	Amaella "				
Licentiate 3.		Total	156	115	298	97

J. C. Kennedy, Mt. Mourne, " Total
H. W. Blum, Hayden Sidney Va.
J. N. H. Summell, Salisbury N.C.
Candidate 3,

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to synod at Charleston S.C. continued:

Communicants	Added on Profession	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized not Communicants	Children in Sab. School	Contributions	Expenditure	Synodical Fund	For. Mission	Education	Publication	Presbyterial	Pastor's salary collected	Congregational	Miscellaneous
143		6	122	95-	8	1	1	24	5-	3		350	10	
83		7	57		4	9	1	35-	3	2	15-	310	13	
158	1	2	50	36	4	3	3	6	6	2	1	86	2	
12														
189	1	12	40	130	25-	50	5-	625	435	31	40	1300	238	65-
16	3		37		2	1						40	874	10
72	2	1			6	12	4	7		5-	11			10
85-	4	8	29	98	3	4	2	8	3	7	6	285-	64	
17			22		4	1	1	4	1	1	4	182	64	
300		30	236	160	31	16	14	37	17	12	40	1117	50	16.
260	2	7	110	86	7	10	3	10	4	4	7	312	24	2
40				20	1	1	2	4	2			82	1	
25-			26		1					1				
204	1	24		110.	50	32	7	346	31	3	38	850	166	58.
								7					100	3
142	17	4		62	6							645	157	10
145-		11	116	50										
240		14	205	102	6	13	3	5-	5-	3	10	443	6	5.
27.														
13.														
5648.	62	129	1847	1989	318	422	115	1501	1241	140	315-	11141	5119	340.

W. P. Winn Stated Clerk

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Sept 30th Concord Presbytery met according to adjournment in Newton, & was opened with a Sermon by Rev J. A. Ramsay, Moderator, from Rev 3:15, 16, 17 I know thy works that thou art neither cold nor hot, I would thou wert cold or hot. So then, because thou art lukewarm, & neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth!"

After sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

At the roll call the following members were present: Ministers-

R. B. Anderson.
D. L. Bradl
A. L. Crawford
L. H. Glasgow
Wm W. Phaar
J. A. Ramsay
E. F. Rockwell.

Second day the following appeared & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness:

R. W. Boyd
P. D. Penick.
J. Rumple.
T. G. Thurston
J. M. Wharey
W. A. Woodfield.

Absent without written excuse: P. M. Custer, J. Wilson
A. L. Hyphers M.D. T. McKinnon, J. H. Thornwell
& P. P. Vernon.

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Sept. 30th — Ruling elders. — Churches represented:

C. M. Smith — Bethany
J. M. Wilson — Bethel
J. T. Goodman — Bethesda
R. A. Alexander — Centre & Bethphage
W. C. Simmons — Concord (Indell)
W. C. Hamilton — Denson's
L. Fronts — Mooresville
E. A. Perkins — Morganton
D. B. Carlton — Newton
G. V. Reid — Tabor

Second day the following appeared & their names were enrolled:

J. A. Flannagan — Statesville
J. J. Brown — Salisbury
J. C. Foard — Unity
Prof. W. Lee Lyon — Davidson College
W. C. Hall — Fifth Creek
Moses Temple — Back Creek
W. M. Gray — Prospect
T. W. Robinson — Poplar Tent
Wilson Scott — Franklin
A. A. Hill — Taylorsville
J. Beaty — Salem
J. T. Hall — Hickory

The following churches were not represented: Bethphage. Elo. Concord Town. Emmanuel. Marion. Mocksville. Normood. Rocky River. Shiloh. Siloam. Third Creek. Thyatira. Wilkesboro. Zion.

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Rev T. H. Glasgow was chosen Moderator & Rev B. T. Beall & ruling elder L. Fronts temporary clerks.

Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read & approved. Minutes read. Also the minutes of the last Stated meeting were read & the Stated Clerk & approved.

Letters of excuse for absence were read from Revs T. P. Johnston & J. H. Colton & their excuses sustained. Letters of excuse.

The annual Reports of the Trustees of Davidson College was read & referred to a committee consisting of Rev W. A. Woods & W. C. Hamilton & T. V. Reid ruling elders.

A communication touching the condition of Tuskaloosa Institute. was read & received as information. Tus. Inst.

Rev R. Z. Johnston of Mecklenburg Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member. & Revs A. S. Vaughn of West Lexington Presbytery, J. M. Alexander of the N. C. Conference & J. C. Clapp of the Classis of N. C. being present were invited to seats as visiting members. Corresponding members.

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The death of Rev. Land. Lindley A.M. A.S. was announced, whereupon a committee consisting of Rev E. F. Rockwell & T. G. Robinson was appointed to prepare a suitable minute touching his death.

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The Moderator announced the following standing committees:-

Narratives to Synod- Rev J. M. Pharr & C. W. Smith & J. M. Wilson R.E.

Systematic Benevolence- W. A. Wood, M.D. J. T. Goodman & H. C. Hamilton.

Comm'g Mod.

Our Minutes of the Gen'l. Assembly- Rev A. D. Crawford, Prof W. J. Martin & E. A. Perkins.

Of Finance- J. J. Brumer & R. A. Alexander ruling Elders.

Judicial Committee- Rev's P. D. Pennick, R. W. Boyd & W. E. Hall R.E.

Bills & Overtures- Rev J. A. Ramsay & J. S. Flanagan & H. C. Simmons R.E.

To nominate Trustee for Davidson College- Rev E. F. Rockwell & T. G. Robinson & H. A. Gray ruling Elders.

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Our Devotional Exercises- Rev R. B. Anderson & D. B. Carlton R.E.

It was made the first order of the day this afternoon to hear the reports of the Committees on Evangelistic work in the Eastern & Western fields of the Presbytery, & the second order to hold a pre communion on the state of religion in our bounds.

The committee appointed to install Rev T. G. Thurston pastor of Taylorsville church reported that said act was performed, on the 22nd day of May 1880.

T. G. Thurston installed.

The report of Rev J. H. Grafton Agt. of Foreign Missions was read & deferred, for further consideration, until after public worship to night.

Communion & Gen'l Ass'y. report.

Rev P. D. Pennick presented a report of his attendance, as commissioner, upon the last Gen'l. Synod Assembly, which was accepted & his diligence commended.

T. C. Clerk ordered.

The Stated Clerk was directed to request Dr J. J. Summerell to furnish a report of his attendance also.

Nomination for Gen'l. Ass'y.

Rev E. F. Rockwell, with Rev T. G. Thurston as his alternate: & H. C. Hamilton, with J. G. Hall, as his alternate, were nominated as commissioners to the next Gen'l. Assembly.

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Nominations for Mod.

Rev W. A. Woodfin was nominated as the next Moderator of this body.

Place & time of next meeting.

Rocky River was chosen as the place, & the 30th day of March 1881. at 11 o'clock a. m. as the time for the next semi-annual meeting of this body.

Catawba Station spot

The committee appointed to look after the interests of Presbyterianism in Catawba Co, reported that they had found one point, Catawba Station, worthy of attention, & recommended that said point be supplied with stated preaching. The report was accepted & the committee of Home Missions directed to make arrangements for the supply of said point with regular preaching.

J. Rumple Trustee of N. College.

The committee to nominate a Trustee of Davidson College reported, recommending the re-appointment of Rev J. Rumple to serve for the next four years. Which was adopted.

Evangelistic work. Com. report.

The order of the day was then taken up and the committee on Evangelistic work in the western portion of our territory reported that they had made diligent efforts to secure a suitable man for the field, but had not, as yet, succeeded. The report was received & the fidelity of the committee commended & said committee continued with original powers.

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The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved That the Sessions of our churches comprising the Western division of our Evangelistic field be enjoined to cause subscription papers to be circulated through their respective bounds (Congregations) for the purpose of securing by contribution, the sum of money called for by the Evangelistic Committee, to be expended in the support of an Evangelist in said field.

W. A. Woodfin D. D. (Chm)

Resolution Evangelistic work N. C.

Evangelistic work Com. Report.

The committee to superintend the Evangelistic work in the Eastern field reported, that they had been enabled to keep Rev J. W. Thornwell in the Stanly field - that they promised him for the six months ending Sept. 30. 1880 the sum of $200. supplementary to the $100 promised by Norwood Ch.; that the churches had sustained the committee in the pledge & that they hope to make the same arrangements for the ensuing year except combining Zion with the Stanly field; & that they hope to increase the salary of the Evangelist to $400.; that we have at Norwood a membership of 66. a neat building, nearly completed & paid for & large & interested congregations.

J. A. Mc Kay Chm

Education report.

The committee of Education presented the following report:

There are at present 3 candidates under the care of Presbytery: A. W. White. J. A. Brown & T. E. P. Jordan. Of these Mr White was the only beneficiary during the last year.

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He continues to receive favorable reports from his teachers for diligence in study & correct deportment. He received last year from the Committee $100, as a gift & $75 as a loan. He has entered the Junior class in Rich. Theological Seminary Va.

The Presbytery at its last meeting set aside in favor of Mr White, as candidate for 2nd sec. of the 16th Standing Rule as required the candidate to refund the money loaned him before he enters his theological course.

The amt. of money loaned him during his collegiate course is $160. He has received from the Committee $60 for his present use & $20 additional have just been ordered to be paid to him. We recommend that Mr White be continued as a beneficiary.

Education Report.

Mr J. D. Rowe continues to pursue his theological studies in connection with his work as a teacher. Mr Julian has been teaching school until recently. He is now pursuing his Senior course at Rich. Theological & desires $335 as a loan from the Presbytery, to enable him without further delay to finish his course.

There is at the present time, but $ 8.40 in the Treasury for Education.

The Committee recommend that the $335 be taken from the Presbyterial Fund & appropriated to this purpose, as a gift, provided the necessary expenses of Presbytery can be paid out of the funds which remain.

P. T. Penick, Chm.

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Oct 1st, The foregoing report was adopted with the amendment that, in case the $335 could not be spared from the Presbyterial Fund, that it be borrowed from the Invalid Fund.

Presbytery took a recess until 7½ o'clock p.m. after which they met & heard a sermon on Sabbath Observance by Rev P. T. Penick.

Leave of absence was granted W. M. Gray. J. P. Flannagen. S. V. Reid. J. T. Goodman. C. W. Smith & J. S. Hall.

For. Mission Reports.

The further consideration of the Report of the Ass't. of Foreign Missions was resumed & after discussion was adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the synodical A & T. & the following resolutions adopted in connection therewith:

1. The Presbytery regards the work of Foreign Missions as a definite attempt to obey the last command of the ascending Lord to "Teach all nations" & therefore as a matter of supreme necessity to vindicate our claim to be the Church of Jesus Christ.

Res. on For. Missions

2. Presbytery rejoices to recognize the fact that the Foreign Mission work presents a more encouraging prospect than it did last year. In the fact that the contributions have increased by $2,257.23 over those of the previous year, the accumulated debt has been reduced by about $5,000.00 & a more rigid economy been introduced into the management of the work.

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3. The Presbytery very earnestly recommends the wider circulation of the Missionary among our people, & urges all our ministers & Church Sessions to use their efforts to introduce it into every family.

4. The Presbytery further recommends that all our Sabbath Schools introduce the practice of taking up collections from the Sabbath School pupils & teachers every Sabbath for the cause of For. Missions.

Res. on For. Missions

5. The Presbytery re-iterates the injunction for the regular observance of the Monthly concert of Prayer for For. Missions.

Old Fort

The enterprise of building a house of worship at Old Fort was commended to the favor & material aid of our Churches.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read & approved.

Excuse N. B. Min

A letter of excuse was read from Rev N. B. Mims for absence from the present meeting & excuse sustained.

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Leave of absence was granted Rev D. S. Bestl & ruling elder J. M. Wilson. R. A. Alexander & W. C. Summers.

The Committee on Bills & Overtures reported no business in their hands. their report was received & Committee discharged.

Minutes of Gen. Assy. Report.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly made a report which was received & the recommendations adopted, as follows:

1 On page 204. touching Publication. Your Committee would call attention to the great importance of colportage in giving circulation to the excellent books of our Committee of Publication & recommend that Presbytery require our Pastors. Church Sessions & Sab. School Superintendents to make special efforts for the wider circulation of the Common People & the Children's Friend.

Item 2. Page 206. relating to For. Missions. On this subject, your Com. can do nothing more than recommend to Presbytery to send down to the Churches the assurance of their full sympathy with these recommendations of the Gen. Assembly. & that the pastors of the Churches carry out these recommendations as far as they may be able.

Item 3. Page 207. On Home Missions. On this subject your com. can suggest no particular plan by which to extend

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Oct 2nd from the churches their due proportion of the amt, named by the committee.

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Item 4. Page 214. Your Committee would recommend that, when practicable, Teachers meetings & Normal Classes be organized by the Sessions of our churches with a view to the more thorough Training of teachers & that the Earnest Worker, Children's Friend, Shorter Catechism & Child's Catechism be used in all our Sab. Schools.

Item 5. page 216. On Sabbath Observance.

On this subject, your committee would recommend in obedience to the injunction of the Assembly that the Ministers, Officers & Members of our churches as the Lord's Witnesses upon earth be earnestly exhorted to bear faithful testimony to the Sacred character of the Lord's day by evincing a resolute zeal for its holy observance.

Presbytery took up the order of the day & held a free conversation on the State of religion in our bounds.

Recess was then taken till 2½ o'clock P. M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The committee to prepare a brief notice of the death of Rev Hank Lindley presented the following which was adopted:

Presbytery learns with deep regret the removal from earth of this most zealous and

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We was for a time the pastor of one of our earliest churches (Rocky River) but left this country in 1854 to evangelize the savage tribes of Africa.

Rev. Hank Lindley died Sept. 3rd 1880.

We labored with great zeal & perseverance & on account of the ill health of his wife, returned in 1873. The next year he visited this region & attended a meeting of this body in Morganton & of Synod in Concord & visited many of our churches & gave graphic descriptions of what he saw & heard & experienced in Africa & excited great interest in the work of Missions.

Full of labors, years & honors in the cause of Christ, he has gone to his reward & rests from his labors & his works do follow him.

We are reminded to imitate his example and spirit & finish our work.

Presbytery would desire to express our sympathy with surviving friends in this bereavement.

He died Sept. 3rd 1880 at the home of his son-in-law in N. Y. City. Morristown N. J.

Com { E. F. Rockwell / T. W. Robinson

Biographical Sketch Rev. H. Lindley. Com. appointed.

A committee consisting of Revs. E. F. Rockwell J. Rumple & ruling elder T. W. Robinson was appointed to prepare a biographical sketch of the life & labors of Rev Hank Lindley D. D.

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Sy. Ben. Com. report.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence presented a report recommending that the opening report of this Presbytery be forwarded to Synod, which was adopted.

The com. to whom was referred the annual Report of the Trustees of Davidson College offered the following, which was received & adopted:

1. The statements made in that paper relating to the College are highly satisfactory & encouraging.

D. College report.

2. That this Presbytery has cause for profound gratitude to God in the good work which the College is doing.

3. That we would urge upon the members of Presbytery, that they take means to let it be known what manner of College ours is", & that they labour to increase the number of its students.

W. A. Wood M.D.
com { W. C. Hamilton.

Pub. Com. report.

The A.S.T. of Publication made a Report which was received & the following resolutions appended thereto adopted:

1. Resolved That all our churches be urged to take up collections for this object.

2. That all our churches be earnestly requested to give the preference to our own publications when providing for their Sabbath Schools.

W. B. Boyd Sec'y.

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Narrative to Synod.

The committee on the Narrative of the State of religion, offered the following which was received & adopted & ordered to be forwarded to Synod:

Concord Presbytery would make the following report to the Synod of N.C. upon the state of religion in our bounds:

This report is based upon accounts received from 26 of our 36 churches: & on a general view of the whole, we are glad to report that the cause of religion presents a hopeful & encouraging prospect within our bounds.

The testimony is universal that the services of God's House are well attended, & in several congregations an increase upon previous years is reported. Well attended & in many cases flourishing Sab. Schools are also maintained in all our churches. In all but two churches, an improvement, or commendable observance of propriety, is reported on the subject of Temperance.

It is also well-nigh universally stated that Christian Beneficence is assuming a higher position among the graces of our people.

Nine of our churches report revivals, though only one has resulted in any considerable addition to the church (70 additions were made through this one, all of whom are walking consistently) while none of our churches report an actually discouraging state of things except one.

Five churches report that no prayer-meetings are held in their bounds. all the rest report

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one or more such meetings & most of them well attended.

The Sabbath observance of the Lord's Day is reported as good in nearly all our churches. The only really dark & discouraging features which has been brought to our attention is the neglect of family worship. Those who report the actual proportion in figures, say that only one third & in one case, one tenth of their families maintain the performance of this important duty. And in nearly every report is the mournful statement that the family altar is sadly neglected.

S. A. D. Hepburn Sec. Ch.

Col. portage Com. Report.

The committee appointed to meet with a similar committee appointed by the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, to arrange, if practicable & agreeable, to carry on the work of colportage in the two Presbyteries by co-operation, reported that they had not yet succeeded in effecting said arrangements. The report was received & approved & the committee continued.

Res. Docketed

A resolution touching the propriety of holding adjourned meetings of Presbytery during the sessions of Synod, was read & docketed.

Sab. Observance paper. Referred.

A paper touching Sab. Observance was offered & after some discussion, was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. R. T. Bennett & Ruling elder T. H. Robinson & Prof. W. J. Martin, to report on the same at the

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next regular meeting.

Finance Com. Report.

The Committee of Finance reported the amount of money received by them, during the session of this body, for the different Objects of benevolence, which report was received & approved & the money, with the statements, ordered to be forwarded to the proper Treasurer.

Supplies.

The Committee of Destitution reported recommending the following supplies:

1. That Rev W. A. Wood D.D. administer the Lord's supper at Fifth Creek.
2. Rev J. A. Ramsay administer the same at Prospect.
3. Rev R. T. Bennett do the same at Salem & that Rev E. F. Rockwell visit Catawba Station as often as he may be able. This report was adopted.

Ag't. Col portage Com. report.

The committee to whom was referred the books & vouchers of the Ag't. of Colportage reported, that they had examined the same & formed satisfactory conclusions for all his payments & his accounts regular. That there is now in his hands, books at cost to the amt. of — $56.36.

Money — — 14.23.

Due from Colporter — 34.58.

Total — — 105.17.

Com. { W. C. Hamilton, D. Fronts

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The Judicial Committee reported no business in their hands & were discharged, & report received,

Statistical Report of Concord Presbytery to the Synod of N.C.:

Statistical Report.

The Presbytery of Concord would report that they comprise 23 ministers & 36 churches & have under their care 3 Licentiates & 3 Candidates; that on the 13th day of Sept 1879 they dismissed C. W. Robinson licentiate to the care of Louisville Pres. Ky.; that on the 30th day of Oct. 1879 they licensed J. N. H. Summerell to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry; that on the 20th day of Dec. 1879 they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev R. D. Pennick & the Prospect church; that on the 29th day of Nov 1879 they organized the Cleo church in Iredell Co. with 26 members, two ruling elders & one deacon; that on the 23d day of April 1880 they transferred H. W. Flinn licentiate, to the care of Tombecbee Presbytery Miss.; that on the same day they enrolled upon the roll, the name of Jefferson church & ordered the members thereof to be enrolled as members of Mt Moriah church; that on the 22nd day of May 1880 they installed Rev T. S. Thurston pastor of Taylorsville Ch.; that on the 3d day of Sept, 1880 they lost by death Rev Saml. Lindsly D.D.; & that their next Semi-annual meeting will be held at Rocky River church, on Wednesday the 30th day of March 1881. at 11 o'clock a.m.

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Vote of Thanks

It was resolved, That the thanks of the members of Concord Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of Newton for their generous hospitality in entertaining the Presbytery, to the Methodist & German Reformed Churches for the tender of their houses of worship for preaching on the Sabbath, & to the W. N. Carolina R.R. for the courtesy of reduced fare.

The minutes were read & approved, after which Presby. adjourned to meet in Raleigh during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk

Examined and approved in Synod in session at Raleigh N. C. Nov. 12 1880

J. Henry Smith, Moderator,

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Adjourned Meeting, Nov 10th 1880.

Nov 10th The Presbytery of Concord met at the call of the Moderator Rev J. A. Ramsay & was opened with prayer by Rev J. M. Wharey.

Present Ministers:- A. D. Hepburn D.D. T. McKinnon. P. T. Penick. E. F. Rockwell. J. A. Ramsay. J. Rumple. T. J. Thurston. J. M. Wharey & W. A. Wood D.D.

Ruling Elders:- Wm Murdock of Salisbury. E. P. Penick Mocksville. A. H. Matheson Wilkesboro. C. A. Johnston of Prospect. J. K. Graham, Thyatira. & S. C. Rankin of Back Creek.

Mr Francis P. Harrell, Licentiate, was received on certificate from Fayetteville Presbytery, under the care of this body.

A call for the services of F. P. Harrell was read from Prospect Church, promising him a salary of four hundred dollars ($400.) annually, & the use of a Manse free of charge for one half his time, which was accepted & placed in his hands.

Rev J. A. Ramsay, being so authorized, signified the acceptance on part of Mr Harrell of the call placed in his (Harrell's) hands. Whereupon it was ordered that Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Prospect Church on Friday 11. o'clock A.M. before the first Sabbath of Dec. 1880. to ordain & install Mr Harrell, if they be clear. And that Rev J. A. Ramsay preach the ordination sermon- Rev D. P. Penick

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deliver the charge to the pastor & that Rev Wm P. Pharr deliver the charge to the people. Rev's J. Rumple. D. McKinnon S. H. Glasgow & A. D. Hepburn & do be their alternats in order.

Rom. 1:16 was assigned as a text for Mr Harrells trial sermon.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Prospect Dec 4th 1880 at 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer.

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk

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Adjourned Meeting.

Concord Presbytery met according to adjournment at Prospect church Dec 4th 1880. & was opened with prayer by Rev J. A. Ramsay Moderator.

Present Ministers: P. D. Penick & J. A. Ramsay & Wm P. Pharr.
Ruling elders: N. A. Alexander of Centre, E. P. Penick of Mooresville & C. A. Johnston of Prospect.

The text for Mr F. P. Harrells trial sermon was changed from Rom. 1:16. to Gal. 6:14.

Presbytery then procuded to hear the trial sermon of Mr Harrell - after which, they procuded to examine him on Experimental religion - Ecclesiastical History. Church Government & the Sacraments & on Philosophy Natural. Moral & Mental.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour. after which they met & procuded to examine Mr Harrell on the Greek & Hebrew Languages.

A committee consisting of Rev's P. D. Penick, W. A. Wood & D. N. B. Anderson & Ruling elder E. B. Stimson of Statesville church. was appointed to examine the revision of the Directory for

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Worship in the Presbyterian Church in the United States is dismissed by the last Genl Assembly & to report at the next regular meeting of this body.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10.0 clock.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday Dec 5th

Saturday Dec 5th.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. & proceeded to the examination of Mr Harrell on Theology. The examination as a whole & in all its parts was sustained as satisfactory. Ordination

Presbytery then proceeded to the ~~Ordination~~ of Mr Frank D. Harrell to the full work of the ministry by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and installed him pastor of Prospect Church. Rev J. A. Ramsay presided & preached the Ordination sermon & proposed the Constitutional Questions. Rev J. T. Pennick charged the pastor & Rev Wm Pharr delivered the charge to the people.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Rocky River Church on the 30th day of March 1881 at 11.0 clock, A.M.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

Wm Pharr
Stated Clerk

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Rocky River Church. N.C.

The Presbytery of Concord met at Rocky River Church, March 30th 1881. & was opened with a sermon by Rev S. K. Glasgow from Heb. 2:16. "Sufficient for these things." After which Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The roll of ministers & churches was called & the following were present:

Ministers:- R. D. Anderson. D. S. Buell, R. W. Boyd. J. H. Colton. A. L. Crawford S. K. Glasgow. F. D. Harrell. A. A. Hyphurs D.D. P. F. Penick. Wm. Plumer. J. A. Ramsay. E. F. Rockwell. J. Rumple J. H. Thornwell. D. S. Tinsley. J. M. Wharey P. D. Winn. & W. A. Wood D.D.

Absent without written excuse:- P. McCuistor J. W. Davis. & T. P. Johnston.

Churches represented	Elders
Back Creek	T. McConnell
Bethany	Dr. E. A. Hall.
Bethel	R. J. W. Knox
Bethpharga	D. A. Fleming
Concord (Endell)	N. C. Simmons.
Concord (Tower)	M. M. Lilly.
Franklin	W. M. Kinkaid
Lenoir	E. N. Faucette
Mooresville	A. Teague
Morgenton	Dr. R. Brevard.

Roll

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Poplar Tent.	M. S. Caldwell.
Prospect	D. S. Harris.
Rocky River	G. E. W. Plumer
Salisbury	R. A. Knox.
Statesville	J. H. Hill
Taylorsville	E. M. Stevenson
Thyatira	A. F. Goodman
Zion	S. W. White.

Mod & Mls

Rev D. S. Buell was elected Moderator & Rev J. A. Ramsay & J. H. Hill ruling elders Temporary Clerks.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour, after which they met.

The minutes of last stated meeting & of the adjourned meetings were read.

Rev A. A. Hyphurs D.D. gave satisfactory excuse for absence from the last stated meeting.

Supplies report.

Revs J. A. Ramsay & E. F. Rockwell reported fulfillment of appointment as temporary supplies & Rev P. F. Penick was excused for non fulfillment of the same.

Excused.

A written excuse for absence from the present meeting was from read & sustained from Rev. S. McM. McKinnon.

A call from Poplar Tent Church for the Pastoral services of J. H. H. Summerell

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Poplar Tent call.

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licentiate, for the whole of his time, promising him a Salary of $600. & the use of a Manse & Glebe, when said & placed in his hands.

A petition from Mooresville Church was read, asking that the call from said Church for the pastoral services of Rev P. J. Pemick be so changed as to read. The whole of his time instead of one half, and eight hundred and fifty dollars, instead of four hundred & seventy five. which petition was granted.

Mooresville call changed.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

1 On Narrative & Synl. Assembly: Rev A. H. Stephenson & A. Sloan & J. S. Harris ruling elders

2 Evangelistic Work: Rev E. F. Rockwell & Rev E. A. Hall & R. J. W. Knox. E, Es

Coms,

3 Systematic Benevolence: Rev R. W. Boyd & D. A. Fleming & W. C. Summers M. Es

4 Minutes of Synod: Rev J. Rumple & W. M. Kinkaid & E. W. Hancock ruling elders

5 Finance: J. H. Hill, E. M. Stevenson & R. A. Knox ruling elders.

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6 On Reports & Records of Sustentation Committee: Rev. A. L. Crawford & D. S. Caldwell & E.

7 Judicial Committee: Rev Wm McPhaun & J. S. Harris & T. McConnell ruling elders.

8 Bills & Overtures: Rev E. K. Glasgow & M. M. Gillon & A. F. Goodman ruling elders.

9 Devotional Exercises: Rev J. M. McCamy & S. E. McPhaun E, E

10 Sessional Records: Revs T. J. Thompson F. P. Harrell & R. K. Russell & S. N. Isbell ruling elders.

The question concerning holding adjourned meetings of Presbytery at Synod, was taken up & laid on the table.

Sab. Observance Report.

The committee on Sabbath Observance offered the following, which was adopted: Resolved. That an act which is not necessarily a violation of the Sabbath day, should nevertheless be avoided, if it encourages the violation of the day by others, or puts a stumbling block in the way of any who might be tempted by such an example, to do that which they believe to be wrong.

Coms { P. J. Pemick, W. J. Martin & E. H. Robinson

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Rev P. P. Winn from the Committee to examine the Revised Directory of Worship made report, which was received & made the first order of the day tomorrow evening.

Reports on Sustentation & Evangelistic work were made the order for tomorrow 11½ o.c. A.M.

Revs P. D. Bernard. R. W. Boyd. J. A. Ramsay & Ruling elders- R. A. Kerr & J. S. Harris- were appointed to consider the Reports- Majority & minority, on Retrenchment & Reform, sent down by the Genl. Assembly- & report at this meeting.

Com. on Retrenchment & Reform.

The Narratives from the churches on the State of religion, were read & referred to the Com, on the Narratives to the Assembly.

The reports on Systematic Benevolence & Sabbath Schools, were referred to the appropriate committees without reading.

Presbytery then adjourned until tomorrow morning 9. o. clock.

Closed with prayer.

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March 31st Thursday morning 9. o. clock Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected & approved.

Leave of absence was granted Rev E. A. Hall.

Revs J. H. Colton & J. H. Thornwell appeared & gave satisfactory & case for candidates.

Biographical Sketch. D. Lindley.

Rev E. F. Rockwell from the Committee to prepare a Biographical Sketch of the life & labors of Rev Daniel Lindley D.D. made a report, which was received & ordered to be recorded in the Presbytery's Book of Biographical Sketches, & also to be published in the N. C. Presbyterian.

J. C. Kennedy licentiate, made report of his labors since the last meeting.

Commissioners to Genl. Assy.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly to meet at Staunton Va, which resulted in the appointment of Rev E. F. Rockwell, as principal & Rev E. G. Thurston as his alternate & J. C. Hamilton Ruling elder as principal & J. S. Hall as his alternate.

Place & Time of next regular meeting.

Lemon Church was chosen as the place for the next regular meeting of this body & Tuesday the 6th of Sept. 7. o. clock P. M. as the time.

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March 31st 1881. Salary &c.

The Salary & account of the Stated Clerk amounting to $53.65 were ordered to be paid by the Finance Committee.

Rev J. Rumple made a verbal report of Rev J. J. Summerell's attendance upon the last Synod. Assembly, which report was rec'd & his diligence approved.

Visiting members

Rev H. Boyle of the N.C. Conference of the M.E. Church South, being present, was invited to sit as a visiting member.

J.N.H. Summerell, trial sermon

It was made the first order of the day this afternoon to hear the trial sermon of J.N.H. Summerell, Candidate, text assigned Ps 57:5.

Rev R.W. Boyd A.S. of Colportage made a report which was received & made the first of the day for tomorrow morning, for further consideration.

Call from Franklin

A call from Franklin church for the pastoral services of Rev R.W. Boyd, for one half his time, promising a Salary of $300. dollars per annum, was read & placed in his hands.

Cor. Member

Rev W.W. Pharr of Mecklenburg Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

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March 31. Institutation & Evangelistic work & reports.

The Institutation Committee made a report, & in the same connection, the Committees on Evangelistic work in the Eastern & Western fields reported & after an interesting address by Rev J.W. Thomwell, Evangelist, the reports also received & referred to the Committee appointed to prepare a report to the Synod. Assembly on Evangelistic work.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour, after which they met & heard the trial Sermon of J.N.H. Summerell, Candidate, from Ps 57:5.

Rev J. Rumple offered the following paper which was adopted:

Prohibition resolution

The Presbytery of Concord recognizing the social moral & religious bearing of the great cause of Prohibition now agitating the public, desires to express its sympathy with the efforts now making to put down the manufacture of, & traffic in intoxicating liquors in the State of N. Carolina.

We furthermore urge upon all our Ministers to use all proper means to aid in removing this great evil from our bounds, & commend to all our people the present opportunity, as one that ought not to be neglected.

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March 31. We further recommend that a day of prayer be observed for the success of this cause on the 2nd Thursday of July 1881.

A.W. White trial pieces. The following trial pieces were assigned A. W. White, Candidate, :
Exegesis - Ezekiel 33:12-16.
Popular Lection - John 14:1-3.
Sermon - Gal. 3:10. first clause.

Concord Church petition. A petition from Concord Church (Iredell) was read, asking that the salary promised their pastor be reduced from $350. to $300. which was not granted.

Presbytery then adjourned until tomorrow morning 9. o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

April 1st Friday morning 9. o'clk,
April 1st 1881.
Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.
Leave of absence was granted E. W. Faucette & E. H. Stimson.
Rev E. F. Rockwell from the Committee on Evangelistic work made the following report which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly :-

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April 1st. Concord Presbytery would report to the Genl. Assembly that a year ago, at a meeting held at Davidson College, they appointed a committee to secure the services of an Evangelist in the Western part of the Presbytery, and another in the Eastern; & to raise funds for their support - the Western Evangelist to concentrate his labors beyond the Blue Ridge, a territory is great need of such work.

Reports on Evangelistic work. To Genl. Assy. This action of Presbytery has not been fully carried out. The Eastern Committee have an Evangelist in Stanly & Cabarrus Co.s employed the whole of his time, at a salary of $350; laboring with great fidelity & success.
The Committee of the Western field report that they have made efforts to secure an Evangelist in this field, but as yet, without success. We have an Every wide field, & few to occupy it.

E. F. Rockwell & com. } E. A. Hall

Bethesda & Mocksville to supply. Permission was granted Third Creek, Bethesda & Mocksville to employ the services of Rev A. Iredell Crawford as Stated supply for one year, One half of his time at Third Creek at a salary of $500. & one fourth to each of the others at a salary of $250. each per annum.

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April 1st. Presbytery then proceeded to examine J. N. H. Summerell candidate, on Church Government & the Sacraments, which examination, together with his trial sermon was sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

J. N. H. Summerell examined.

Rev A. L. Crawford was nominated as the next Moderator.

Next Mod. A. L. C.

The committee on Retrenchment & Reform made the following report which was received & adopted:

Report on Retrenchment & Reform.

Res. Presbytery does not fully endorse either the Majority or Minority Reports sent down from the Genl. Assembly, & is of the opinion that the adoption of measures looking in favor of Retrenchment & Reform, it would be wise to hasten slowly.

Res. Presbytery is in favor of changing our present mode of conducting some of the benevolent enterprises of the church in the following particulars:

1. We are in favor of abandoning altogether the business of publishing books; & of disposing by sale, of all property connected with that business owned by our Church; & of imposing upon our Committee of Publication these two duties only, viz:

The publication & circulation of the periodicals in the interest of our Sabbath Schools, & the publication in the religious journals taken

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April 1st by our people, of a list of books read & approved by the Committee, as suitable to be placed in the libraries of our Sabbath Schools & Congregations.

2. We are in favor of taking all the work of the Church that is of a financial character out of the hands of the Bishops, & putting it under the controll of the Deacons.

We request the Genl. Assembly to adopt such measures as will secure, as soon as practicable, the changes above suggested.

Com. { P. P. Penick, J. A. Ramsay, E. W. Boyd, J. S. Harris & R. A. Knox }

Report on Directory for worship

Rev P. P. Penick from the committee to examine the Revised Directory for Worship sent down to the Presbyteries for examination made a report which was received, amended & transferred to the Chairman of the Genl. Assembly's committee.

Presbytery took recess until after divine worship. After which they met & proceeded to business.

Sys. Ben. Report

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence made a report which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

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April 18th — Rev T. G. Thurston from the committee to examine the Sessional Records, made a report recommending the approval of the following without exception:- Concord (Zadell) Davidson College, Franklin, Hickory Morganton, Newton, Mooresville, Rocky River, Statesville, Taylorsville, Unity Salisbury & Zion. And the following with the exception that the reports of delegates to Presbytery & Synod do not appear on their records: Bachelor's, Bethany, Poplar Tent, Prospect, Thyatira, & Wilksboro.

Report on Sessional records

Bethphage approved with the exception that at one meeting of Session, it does not appear that there was a Moderator.

Lenoir, with the exception that the Stated supply is styled pastor. Concord Zion with the exception that three members were allowed to withdraw from the communion of the church as they were not willing to comply with the Church rules. which report was adopted.

Commission to ordain & install J. N. H. Summerell

The following commission was appointed to ordain & install J. N. H. Summerell lic. as pastor of Poplar Tent church on Saturday the 16th of April. viz: Revs. D. McKinnon to preside & propose the constitutional questions. Wm. S. Shearer to charge the pastor & J. M. Kearns the people.

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April 1st — With Revs J. Rumple, F. D. Pennick & J. A. Rankay as their alternates in their order. Also ruling elder A. E. W. Shaw, with M. M. Gillon as his alternate.

Bus. Com. Report.

The committee appointed to review the records & report of the Sustentation Committee made a report which was received & adopted. as follows:

We would report that on examination we find nothing that does not merit approval & commendation on the part of Presbytery, as to diligence & fidelity in the discharge of their duty.

Your committee are unable to indicate any certain way by which the destitutions referred to by the Executive Committee, can be supplied. Whilst it is extremely desireable that rural waste places of Zion shall be speedily occupied, mere pamiful or chimerical schemes will avail nothing.

The means must be at command in order to obtain men with peculiar qualifications for this work - men who do not regard the office of Evangelist as a Sinecure, nor as entered into by the Presbytery "ex gratia"; but men willing to endure hardness, with hearts full of love for Jesus & hands willing to

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do labor in his service. We can only then recommend that all our churches be urged to more liberal contributions to this cause, that as a Presbytery we may be enabled to prosecute the work with vigor & success.

Sus. Com. Report on

It is not clear to your Committee with the limited information they have that it is the duty of Presbytery to grant the assistance asked for at Frontman's Depot.

Your Committee would call attention to the fact that one of our churches has been for sometime enjoying the ministerial services of a brother under permission of Presbytery.

Your Committee would recommend that the same brethren, viz: Rev's J. Rumple, D. McKinnon, J. M. Sharpe, W. A. Wood D.D. & ruling elders Dr J. Summerell, C. E. White, D. F. Cannon & J. M. Horah constitute the Ex Committee for the ensuing year. (N. F. Cerwford Com) D. S. Caldwell

Treasurer ordered. Home Missions.

It was ordered that our Treasurer be instructed to pay from contributions to Home Missions, not less than ten per cent, nor more than 20 per cent to the general cause & that the great proportion be left to the Substitution Com.

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Also that not less than 10 per cent, nor more than 25 per cent be paid into the general cause of Education of the contributions to that cause, & the exact amount be left to the Committee of Education.

Treasurer ordered. Education.

Zion supply.

Permission was given Zion Church to employ the services of Rev J. H. Thommell for one year one half of his time, at a salary of $150.

Lenoir supply.

Permission was granted the Substitution Committee to make arrangements between Lenoir church & Rev B. F. Beall as stated supply if a petition be presented by them.

Lebo supply.

Lebo church was granted leave to employ the services of Rev P. P. Winn as stated supply for one year - for one fourth of his time, at a salary of $112.50. Also Shiloh church to employ the same - for one fourth of his time at a salary of $60.

pastoral relation Concord (Rudell)

Rev P. P. Winn asked Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between him & the church of Concord (Rudell) Whereupon the Stated Clerk was ordered to cite said church to appear at the next fall meeting & show reasons, if any there be, why said relation should not be dissolved.

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5th Sunday, supply.

Permission was granted Lusk Station committee to receive request from Fifth Creek for the services of Rev F.P. Harrell & act upon it in the interim of Presbytery.

Narrative report.

Rev A.D. Hepburn A.M. from the committee on the narrative to the Gen. Assembly, made a report, which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly. (see Appendix.)

The committee on Bills & Overtures reported no business, which report was received & the Committee discharged.

R.W. Boyd, installation at Franklin.

Rev R.W. Boyd having signified his acceptance of the call from Franklin Church, Rev Wm W. Pharr & ruling elders T. McConnell & W.M. Kincaid were appointed to suggest arrangements for his installation.

Sab. School report.

The Ass't. of Sabbath Schools made a report which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly. (see Appendix.)

Minutes of Synod report.

Rev J. Rumple [illegible] the committee to examine the Minutes of Synod, made a report which was received & adopted & is as follows:

The committee call attention to the following items:

1st On page 178 the Synod urges the Presbyteries

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April 1st to enter upon the work of Colportage.

Form Min's, rule changed.

2. On page 179. The Presbytery is advised to consider the cause of Foreign Missions at the Spring meeting of Presbytery. We recommend that the change be made to take place next Spring - the next Fall fall report not being omitted.

3. On page 180. Presbyteries are urged to endeavor to raise the standard of ministerial support.

com. { J. Rumple, E.W. Faucette, M.W. Kincaid

R.W. Boyd, installation at Franklin.

The committee to suggest arrangements for the installation of Rev R.W. Boyd over Franklin Church - reported recommending the following which was adopted: That Rev J. Rumple preside & propose the constitutional questions - that Rev A.D. Crawford charge the pastor & J.A. Ramsay charge the people & that Revs. W.A. Wood D.D. P.D. Rennick & P.P. Kennedy be alternate in this order, & also that the installation take place on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath of June at 11. o. clock. A.M.

com { Wm W. Pharr, W.M. Kincaid, T. McConnell

The Judicial Committee reported no business on hands & were discharged.

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April 1st Adjourned meeting.

It was ordered that Ulin Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet at Franklin Church on Friday the 3d day of June at 11. o'clock a.m.

Finance Com. report.

The committee of Finance reported that they had examined the Treasurer's Book & find his accounts correct as written & vouchers to correspond with the charges made against the funds in his hands.

J. H. Hill (chr.)

Colportage Com. report.

Rev R. W. Boyd from the committee on Colportage made a report which, as amended was adopted as follows:-

The Committee of Colportage would report that the plan of cooperation in Colportage submitted to the Committee of the Mecklenburg Presbytery has not accepted.

We would now recommend that Presbytery invite Mecklenburg Presbytery to unite with us in appointing a joint Committee to arrange & conduct the work of Colportage in the two Presbyteries, and that Rev P. J. Pennick & Profs J. R. Blake, W. J. Martin & S. R. Sampson be appointed to represent this Presbytery, or said committee provided the Presbytery of Mecklenburg should accept this proposal!

It is further recommended that this Committee have the power of a

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April 1st Commission to deliberate upon & conclude the business submitted to it- it being understood that the Presbytery shall not be responsible for any debt incurred by said Com, beyond such appropriations the Presbytery may choose to make.

Col portage.

In case the Presbytery of Mecklenburg does not concurs in the foregoing plans Committee requests leave of the Presbytery to secure the services of a Colporteur, of a gentleman who proposes to find his own horse & conveyance, upon terms which may be considered equitable by the Committee.

R. W. Boyd
Com { P. J. Pennick

Treasurer ordered.

It was ordered that the Treasurer advance $25. to each of the Commissioners to the Genl. Assembly.

J. McK. H. to preach.

Rev J. McKinnon was appointed to preach a sermon on the nature & importance of the office of the Evangelist at the fall meeting of this body.

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April 1st The thanks of Presbytery were tendered to the Congregation of Rocky River for their kindness & hospitality to the members of this Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Franklin Church on the 3d day of June next at 11.0 clock A.M.

Closed with singing, prayer, & benediction.

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk

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Narrative to Gen. Assembly to meet at Staunton Va,

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully report to the Gen. Assembly, that with one or two exceptions the churches within its bounds are supplied with the ministrations of the word. Efforts are making to have the gospel preached in destitute portions of our territory.

No regular organized efforts for the religious instruction of the colored people is made. The efforts made by a few of the separate congregations have not met with success.

The reports from the churches are in most cases too vague to enable us to tell whether discipline has been exercised with prudence & faithfulness.

It appears that in almost all of our churches the official visiting of the congregation by the elders has fallen into disuse.

In other respects the fidelity of the officers of our churches seems to be commendable.

The attendance on public worship is good, and in a few churches is improving. But there have been no large accessions to any of the churches, nor indications of any special religious interest.

All our Churches, except two or three, contribute to the aid of all the Committees of the Assembly. And while the contributions for ministerial

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Support are, in several churches, inadequate. They have increased over those of last year.

With but two exceptions Sabbath Schools are maintained in connection with our churches. In all of which instruction in the Catechism is given.

In the families Catechetical instruction seems to be very generally neglected.

The statements made with reference to Family worship are too general to be satisfactory. We believe that in the majority of our churches it is greatly neglected.

A few churches report some improvement in respect to this duty.

Intemperance is not prevalent in any of our churches; although in two of them it has occasioned some trouble, & necessitated the exercise of discipline.

No complaints are made of the prevalence of other forms of sin. The Sabbath is, at least outwardly, very generally observed.

Comm, { A. D. Hepburn M. D.
A. Deaton
J. S. Harris

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Presbyterial Report to the Genl. Assembly

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the has under its care 34 Churches, 2 Licentiates

Ministers Licentiates & Candidates.	Post Offices	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate
T. P. Johnston	Statesville, Ministers.					
E. F. Rockwell S.S.	Cool Spring "	Bethany S.S.	4	3	2	
D. A. Paxton P.	Marion "	Marion P.	2	2	7	2
" S.S.	" "	Siloam S.S.	2	2		
P. T. Penick P.	Mooresville "	Mooresville "	5	4	13	13
D. L. Beall S.S.	Tenoir "	Tenoir S.S.	2	2	9	7
A. D. Crawford S.S.	Mocksville "	Mocksville	2			
" "	Sandy Hill "	Bethesda S.S.	3	4	5-	
" "	Rowan Mills "	Third Creek "	4	7		5-
W. M. Custer T,	Mulberry Fem,					
W. A. Wood S.S.	Statesville N.C.	Statesville P.	9	6	3	5-
J. Temple P.	Salisbury "	Salisbury P.	7	7	1	6
Wm. W Pharr P	Mt. Mourne "	Centre	7	5-	3	
" "	Mill Hill "	Bethsbagea	5-	4	7	1
A. D. Hepburn Pro.	Davidson Col,	Davidson College	5-		1	1
W. B. Anderson P.	Morganton "	Morganton P.	3	1	2	
" "	Newton "	Newton S.S.	3	3		
J. H. Colton W.C.	Morganton "					
J. W. Davis T.M.	Goochs Cheraw,					
T. McKinnon P.	Concord (Coun)	Concord P.	8	5-		12
D. G. Thurston P.	Dysartsville N.C.	Dysartsville P.	4	3		

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Synod at Staunton Va. May 1881.

Genl. Assy. that it consists of 23 Ministers, 4 [illegible] 3 Candidates, viz:

Total of Communicants	Adult Baptized	Infant Baptized	No Baptisms reported	Additions on Profession of Faith	Dismissions	Excommunicated	Amount Benevolence	For Ministry	Education	Publications	Presbyterial	Pastors Salaries	Congregational	Miscellaneous
75-	1		60	30	3	4	1	6		4	11	95-	1	4
42		2	28	15-	10	2	5-	10	3	2	1	132	10	7.
38		1	35-		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	1	
138		7	85-	156	4	28	4	119	5-	2	10	680	95-	7.
52	1	3		41	35-	3		444	10	2	10	250	95-	
58		2	20	39			2	12	1	1		258	20	
36		7	39	40	3			6		1				
174		8		80	8	11	7	14	6	2	9	489	6	4.
180		14		115-	36		6	423	11	6	36	950	95-	18
191		9	80	140	24	108	5-	89	1005-	40	30	1300	600	45-
103		5-	125-	45-	5-	20	4	115-	5-	4	9	350	36	
165-	1	10			3	40		15-			12	260	12	
52		1	19	64	20	10	10	157	20	10	11		48	20
121	1	2	80	89	13	9	5-	44	13	14		600	340	3
34			28	25-	2	3	1	2	1	1	30	205	57	
195-		15-	150	157		121	7	66	60	11	[illegible]	1350 [illegible]	[illegible]	250
69		6	40	75-	10	10	4	18	12	5-	16	250	60	10

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Ministers Licentiates & Candidates.	Post Office	Churches.	Elders	Members	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate
T. G. Thurston D.	Millsboro N.	Millsboro O.S.	4		3	5
" " "	Hickory "	Hickory "	4	4		6
J. M. Wharey D.	Harrisburg "	Rocky River "	9	8	7	1
L. K. Glasgow D.	Lenoir College "	Bethel "	7	2	9	3
J. H. Thornwell E.	Concord "	Zion "	3	2	2	
" " "	Norwood "	Norwood O.S.	1	1	2	1
N. W. Boyd D.	Wood Leaf "	Unity "	5	14	1	3
" " "	" "	Franklin "	4	5		4
D. D. Weir D.	Statesville "	Concord "	8	4	1	2
" S.S.	Catawba Station	Shiloh S.S.	3	3		2
" "	Amsbill "	Clio S.S.	3	3		
J. A. Ramsay D.	Mill Bridge "	Thyatira "	6	6	4	4
" " "	Rowan Mill "	Back Creek "	3	3	1	
D. D. Harrell D.	Mooresville "	Prospect "	8	7	12	
" " S.S.	Cool Spring "	Fifth Creek S.S.	4	2		
P.E.	Springsville "	Poplar Tent "	4	3		1
"	Stony Point "	Salem "	2	1		
Licentiate						
J. C. Kennedy	Mt. Mourne N.C.	Totals	34	153	116	94	85
J. N. A. Summell	Springsville "					

Ordination 1. Installation 1.

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Sons of Corps	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Total Baptisms	Communicants added on Profession	Communicants added by Certificate	Excommunicated	Deaths	Communicants	Education	Publication	Presbyteries	Pastors' Salaries.	Congregational	Miscellaneous.
27	1	1	22		3	3	1	3	1	1		130	4	35-
38		4	32	86	2	4	2	21	1	3	6	348	33	
300	1	13	240	125-	6	75-	4	64	25?	15-	56	959		
68		2			8	6	5-	18	6	2		218	19	
99		3	30	57	1	14	1	2	3		2	89	78	10
17		1						5-				190	135-	119
150	1	9	50	70	9	25-	10	57	4	9	19	300		4
143		7	85-	35-	6	23	3	24	9	5-	12	290		
252		10	130	109		2	2	48	1		1	310	34	
35-		2		15-			1	3				80		
24			24		1			13				108	11	
148		11	133	80	7	3	1	8	1	2		329	225	20
75-		8	40	60	13	2	4	12				318		24
220		14	250	72		5-		12	3	5-		200	29	16
124		6		85-				4	2			125-	3	8
140		11	90	64		38		19				350		133.
23														
3992	6	192	1895	1105	233.	562.	96	1452.	1321	128	292.	4598.	2007.	1262

Daniel Lindley M.D. ordained by Presbyt. Phenix 3rd Oct

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Systematic Beneficence—
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Objects	No of Contributing Churches	Amounts.
Sabbath Schools	27	$ 233.
Evangelistic	27	562.
Juvenile Fund	24	101.
For. Missions	32	1452.
Education	24	1891.
Publication	27	139.
Presbyterial	19	298.
Pastors' Salaries—paid—	30	11389
Congregational	26	2080
Miscellaneous	20	861

20 Churches have contributed to all the six Objects of Beneficence ordered by the Genl. Assembly; 4 to five of them; 2 to four of them; 1 to three of them; 4 to two of them; 1 to one of them & 1 to record of them.

Wm. M. Shaw
Stated Clerk

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Sabbath Schools

Names of Schools	Num Roll		Average Attendance		Increase		Decrease		No. Added	No. Schools	Amt. Contributed for own Schools	Amt. Contributed for Missionary purposes.
	T.	S.	T.	S.	T.	S.	T.	S.	T.	S.		
Back Creek	4	42	4	42								$ 4.78
Bethany	6	30	6	25						1	$ 6.50	
Bethel	5	50	5	46						6		
Bethesda	4	40	4	40								
Centre	7	45	6	40						1	31.00	
Concord (Zeda)	11	109	5	42		13					1.10	19.54.
Concord Town	19	115	14	90	1	5					48.00	
Mission School	9	42	8	25							40.00	
Davidson College	12	64	9	43	1	3				1		36.61.
Fifth Creek	6	70	5	60							11.00	
Franklin	4	35	3	30							24.82	6.17.
Hickory	13	93	11	60	2	3						
Lemon	9	41	9	25						8	6.00	9.65
Marion	4	20	4	15		2				2		
Mocksville	6	27	5	25							3.50	2.76.
Mooresville	12	153	11	100						13	60.00	61.36.
Morganton	11	87	11	60			1				20.00	19.00
Newton	6	35	5	30							6.60	
Poplar Tent	7	69	7	69	2						15.00	
Prospect	8	92	8	60			2	40		12	9.00	16.90.
Rocky River	11	125	10	100							~~50.00~~	9.90.
Salisbury	18	140	12	80	2						50.00	96.00
Statesville	15	115	12	90	1	5						39.64.
Taylorsville	9	75	7	60		5					5.00	3.00
Third Creek	10	80	8	65								
Thyatira	5	60	5	60			1			2		3.00
Unity	9	80	6	60							4.00.	
Zion	8	57	7	40						2		1.09.

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Franklin Church. N.C.

Adjourned meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at Franklin church June 3d 1881. 11.0'clock A.M. & was opened with prayer by Rev J. A. Ramsay last Moderator present presiding.

Present ministers; A. L. Crawford. J. Rumple. R. W. Boyd. J. A. Ramsay. J. N. D. Summerell. & P. F. Harrell.

Ruling Elders; R. A. Knox of Salisbury. & W. A. Thomason of Franklin church.

Rev J. N. D. Summerell was elected temporary Clerk.

On motion of Rev J. Rumple the examination of R. P. Julian, Candidate, with a view to licensure, was taken up. & his sermon on Rom. 5:1. was heard. After which Presbytery took a recess for one hour.

After recess. Presbytery met & proceeded to hear the Popular Lecture of Mr Julian on Ps. 111.

It was made the order of the day for tomorrow, touching the installation of Rev R. W. Boyd over the Franklin church, to hear the installation sermon at 11.0'clock, & to hear the charges to the pastor elect & to the people, after recess.

An application was read by Rev J. Rumple from Lenoir church for one half

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June 3d — the ministerial time of Rev B. L. Beall as stated supply for the year 1881. at a salary of $265. & what more can be obtained from the field. which was granted: & the additional aid asked from the Sustentation Committee was referred to said Committee.

B. L. Beall supply Senior.

The examination of Mr Julian was resumed. when he was examined on Ecclesiastical History & Church Government.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Salisbury at 8½ o'clock P.M.

R. P. Julian examined.

Revs J. A. Ramsay & R. W. Boyd had leave of absence from the night Session.

Presbytery met in Salisbury in the Presbyterian Church at the hour appointed & proceeded to the examination of Mr Julian on Theology & the Sacraments.

His Trial Exegesis was referred to Rev A. L. Crawford, & his Latin Thesis to Rev J. Rumple for examination.

Presbytery then took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in Rev J. Rumple's Study.

After which they met & proceeded to the examination of Mr Julian on the Hebrew Languages.

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June 3d & 4th — Leave of absence was granted Rev S. F. D. Harrell & J. K. D. Summerell.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Franklin Church tomorrow morning at 10. o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning 10. o'clock June 4th 1881.

June 4th — Presbytery met at Franklin Church & was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

R. P. J. examined — Rev J. Rumple reported that he had carefully examined the Latin Thesis of Mr Julian & recommended it as entirely satisfactory.

Rev A. L. Crawford reported that he had examined the Trial Exegesis of Mr Julian, so much of it as came into his hands - a part of it having been lost in yesterday's storm, & recommended it as an entirely satisfactory part of trial. These reports were accepted & adopted.

R. P. Julian examined — The examination of Mr Julian was sustained as a whole & in all its parts. Whereupon, at Franklin Church, June the 4th 1881. the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favor of Mr R. P. Julian, of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character; of his being in the communion of the Church;

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June 14th. & he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; & his proficiency in divinity & other studies; the Presbytery did & hereby do, express their approbation of his examination as a whole & all its parts: & he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, & hereby do license him the said Rich. P. Julian to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

R. P. Julian licensed.

Permission was granted Mr Julian to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery, until next regular meeting.

Presbytery then took a recess for twenty five minutes.

After recess Presbytery met & took up the order of the day. Rev J. Rumple preached the installation sermon from 1 Cor. 1:17.

R. W. Boyd installed pastor of Franklin

After sermon recess was taken for one hour.

After recess Presbytery proceeded to install Rev R. W. Boyd pastor of Franklin Church, Rev J. Rumple presided, & proposed the constitutional questions.

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June 15th. Rev A. L. Crawford delivered the charge to the pastor & Rev J. A. Ramsay delivered the charge to the people.

The minutes of to day's sessions were read & approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Sylva on Tuesday the 6th. of Sept next. 7. o'clock P.M.

Closed with prayer

William M. Shaw

Stated Clerk

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Sept. 6th The Presbytery of Concord met in the Lenoir presbyterian church, Sept 6th 1881 according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by the last Moderator Rev B. G. Beall, from James 4:14. "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, & then vanisheth away."

After sermon: Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Present at the roll call:

Ministers— R. B. Anderson. B. G. Beall, A. G. Crawford. G. H. Glasgow. F. P. Harrell G. McKinnon. P. T. Pencke. Wm. M. Shaw E. F. Rockwell. J. A. Ramsay. J. Rumple, J. N. W. Summerell. T. G. Thurston. P. P. Winn. & W. A. Wood Ald. R. W. Boyd

Roll	Ruling Elders:	Churches.
	T. McConnell.	Back Creek
	G. A. Potts	Bethel,
	J. R. McNeely	Centre
	C. H. King	Clio
	J. M. Alexander	Concord (Randall)
	M. W. Johnston	Concord Town.
	P. C. Hall —	Hickory
	Dr R. G. Beall	Lenoir
	R. K. Pressell	Morganton
	Nat. Johnston	Poplar Tents.
	J. S. Beaty	Prospect,
	J. D. Morrison	Rocky River,

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O. D. Davis — Salisbury.
A. J. K. Thomas Shiloh
E. B. Stimson Statesville
A. C. McIntosh Taylorsville
J. F. Finley Wilkesboro.

Absent with written excuse: T. D. Johnston. J. H. Colton. J. M. Gurney.

Absent Absent without written excuse; P. M. Busbee. J. W. Davis. T. N. Paxton. J. Z. Thornwell. A. D. Hepburn Ald.

Churches not represented— Bethany. Bethphage Bethesda. Brushy. Fifth Creek. Franklin. Marion. Mocksville. Newton. Norwood. Salem. Siloam. Tabor. Third Creek. Thyatira. Unity Zion.

Chs. not Rep.d

Rev A. G. Crawford was elected Moderator & Rev B. G. Beall & ruling elder O. D. Davis temporary clerks.

It was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock a.m. tomorrow to hear the sermon on the Nature & importance of the work of the Evangelist by Rev G. McKinnon.

Presbytery then adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Wednesday morning sept 7.

Sept. 7th

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The roll was called, & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

E. P. Pennick ruling elder from Mocksville appeared & was enrolled.

The minutes of the last stated meeting & of an adjourned meeting held at Franklin were read.

Rev D. McKinnon from the Commission to ordain & install J. N. H. Summerell over Poplar Tent Church, reported that the Commission met on the 16th day of April: present Revs. W. W. Pharr, J. M. Wharey & ruling elder M. M. Gillon. There not being a quorum, the Commission adjourned to meet on the 29th of May. At said Church On May 29th 1881. 11 o'clock a.m. the Commission met. Present: Revs. D. McKinnon, J. Rumple, J. M. Wharey & ruling elder M. M. Gillon. When they proceeded to Ordain & install J. N. H. Summerell pastor over Poplar Tent Church according to the required forms of our Book of Church Order. Rev D. McKinnon presided, preached the sermon & propound the constitutional questions. Rev J. Rumple delivered the charge to the pastor & Rev J. M. Wharey to the people.

J. N. H. Summerell ordained & installed.

Comm. { D. McKinnon, J. Rumple, J. M. Wharey, M. M. Gillon

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Rev J. H. Page of the N.C. Conference of the M. E. Church was invited to sit as a visiting member.

R. B. Julian Transferred

Rich Price, Julian licentiate, was transferred at his own request to the care of Montgomery Presbytery Va.

Satisfactory reasons for absence from the present sessions of this body, were read from Rev.s T. P. Johnston, J. H. Colton & J. M. Wharey.

The annual report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read & referred to the Committee of Ed. College.

Morganton petition

A petition from the Morganton church was read, asking that the call for this pastor Rev R. B. Anderson, be so changed as to read the whole of his time, in stead of "three fourths & seven hundred dollars, instead of "six hundred" which was referred for further consideration to an adjourned meeting to be held during the sessions of Synod.

Hickory petition

A petition from Hickory church for the services of Rev T. S. Thurston as stated supply was read, & returned to said church for to be completed - permission being granted to said church, to continue him in the meantime.

Rev P. D. Pennick was appointed to read the report of the Apt. of Foreign Missions (the Apt. being absent) this evening at 7. o. clock.

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Sept. 7th The Moderator announced the following temporary committees:-

1 Narrative to Synod- Revs E. F. Rockwell P. P. Winn & J. F. Finley, r.e.

2 Systematic Benevolence: Revs T. G. Thurston, T. D. Harrell & J. M. Alexander, r.e.

3 Minutes of Gen. Assembly:- Revs R. B. Anderson, J. N. H. Summerell & Nat Johnston r.e.

4 Finance:- A. C. McIntosh & O. H. Davis ruling elders.

5 Judicial Committee:- Revs S. L. McKinnon, L. K. Glasgow & L. A. Potts r.e.

6 Bills & Overtures- Revs W. A. Wood D.D. P. C. Pemick & E. H. Stinson r.e.

7 To appoint Trustees for R. College- Revs J. Rumple, J. A. Ramsay & P. C Hall, r.e.

8 Devotional Exercises- Rev D. L. Read & Dr N. G. Read, r.e.

Presbytery then proceded to hear the sermon on the Nature & importance of the work of the Evangelist.

O. H. Davis was appointed Treasurer protem.

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Sept. 7th It was made the order, at 3 o'clock P.M. to consider the subject of the Evangelistic work.

Place & time of next stated meeting. The Presbyterian church in Concord was chosen as the place, & Tuesday (25th) before the last Sabbath in April 1882, at 7 o'clock P.M. as the time, for holding the next stated meeting of this body.

T. W. Harrow, ruling elder from Davidson College, appeared & his name enrolled.

Eds. Com. Report. Rev P. F. Penick from the Committee of Education made the following report, which was received & approved:

There have been during the last 12 months, three candidates for the ministry under the care of this Presbytery, viz: Rich. Price, Julian J. H. Rowe & A. W. White.

Mr Julian received during his last year in the Seminary $35. borrowed from the Invalid Fund by the Order of Presbytery. He has since been licensed to preach the gospel.

Mr Rowe is still pursuing his studies at home.

Mr White has just entered his second year in R. D. Seminary Va. He continues to receive a good report from his instructors.

Since our last report, he has received $85. the bellance of the money needed to aid him in his last year's course; & $54.

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a part of the aid he will need during the present session. He is still indebted to the Committee $160. the amt, loaned him during his collegiate course, from the payment of which he has been temporarily released by the Presbytery.

Ed. Com, Report.

There is at this date, in the hands of the Treasurer for Education $5.24

It is evident that the Committee cannot, at the present time, pay back to the Invalid Fund what has been borrowed from it. The Presbytery will also remember that they have required, not less than ten per cent, of the funds collected for Education to be sent to the Assembly's Committee, whether our candidates need it or not. Since that order was made, there have been received into the Treasury about $57. ten per cent of which would be $5.70; 46 cents more than the sum now in the Treasury. Considering the known good character of our only beneficiary, & the pressing wants of the Assembly's Com. of Education; it is not to the credit of our congregations, that they have contributed to this cause during the last year only $153.

Com { P. D. Bennett
Wm. W. Pharr
J. E. Blake

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Leave of absence was granted R. C. Hall & H. C. Hamilton, his alternate, to fill his place.

Presbytery then took a recess until 2½ o'clock P.M.

After recess. Presbytery met.

Prayer made the second order of the day to hold a pre communion on the state of religion within our bounds.

Evangelistic work. Report of Com.

The committee on Evangelistic work in the western field reported that, as yet, they had been unable to secure the services of a suitable laborer for that field: when the following resolutions were adopted:

1 Resolved That Concord Presbytery regards the Evangelistic work as of paramount importance, & that we ought to enter into the work with renewed zeal.

2 That a Committee of five be appointed, at once, to consider this subject & report, as soon as possible, ways & means to secure & support two or more Evangelists in our field.

Com

The committee contemplated in the 2nd resolution consists of Revs P. D. Bennett, J. Rumple, J. A. Ramsay & ruling elders A. C. McCulloch & Nat. Johnston.

Jacob A. Klutz, ruling elder from Franklin appeared in Presbytery & his name was enrolled.

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Rev R. W. Boyd appeared in Pby, & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery then took up the 2nd order of the day, & held a free conversation on the state of religion in our bounds.

Presbytery then took recess until 8 o'clock P.M.

After recess, Presbytery met.

For. Missions Report &c.

Rev R. T. Pennick read the report of the A&T. of For. Missions which was received & approved. Several addresses touching the interests of For. Missions were made, & in this connection the following paper was adopted:

In view of the low state of piety among us, appearing in a public sense of the constraining power of the love of Christ, & the precious work of the Holy Spirit; & in a conformity to this world, so that we seek its pleasures & honors & riches rather than the favor of God & the honor & glory of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Resolved That we recognize the righteousness of our Father's hand in withholding his Holy Spirit from us & leaving us to the ravages of our sin & in shutting off the rain from the fields, so that the land

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mourns. 2nd That Presbytery earnestly exhorts & commands all under its authority individuals, families, & congregations, to search their hearts & their houses, & if they find that abominable thing which God hates, to put it far from them, to the end that humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God, he may exalt us in due time, that he may restore unto us the joys of his salvation & uphold us by his free Spirit.

Resolutions

3d That these resolutions be published in the N.C. Presbyterian & read from the pulpits of all our congregations.

Presbytery then adjourned & met tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Wednesday morning Sept 8th

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer by Rev R. B. Anderson.

The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Rev R. B. Anderson from the committee to examine the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly made a report which was received & adopted as follows:

Minutes of Gen. Assy. report on.

The committee to examine the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly would report recommend

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1st That a committee be appointed to examine the Revised Directory for Worship sent down by the Gen. Assembly, & report at the next stated meeting of this body.

2. That our Sessions be instructed, according to the recommendation of the Assembly - page 380. to use our own publications, especially the Earnest Workers Children's Friend. Shorter Catechism & Child's Catechism in their Sabbath Schools, to the exclusion of other literature which is often unsound. Also earnestly to discourage Sessions from cooperating with Union Sabbath Schools when it is possible to have strictly our own.

Com. { R. D. Anderson, J. N. H. Summerell, N. Johnston

Leave of absence was granted Rev E. F. Rockwell & J. M. Alexander & C. H. King ruling elders.

Comm'd to Gen'l Ass'y report.

Rev E. F. Rockwell & H. C. Hamilton, commissioned to the last Gen. Assembly reported their attendance upon the sessions of the Assembly which reports were received & approved.

The Concord church (Iredell) being previously cited to show cause why the pastoral relation between them & Rev R. P. Wynne should not

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Sept 8th be dissolved; appeared by their representatives & gave their consent to the dissolution of the relation. The reasons assigned by Rev R. P. Wynne being satisfactory - Presbytery dissolved said relation & declared said church vacant.

R.P. Wynne & Concord. relation dissolved.

The Special committee to whom was referred the matter of Evangelistic work in our Western fields made a report which, as amended, was adopted as follows:-

The committee recommend-

1 That the first resolution on page 503 of the written Minutes of Presbytery be amended to read as follows: That a Committee consisting of Revs W. A. Wood, R. P. Wynne & ruling elders J. F. Hall & A. Deaton, be appointed to take charge of the Evangelistic work in the Western part of the Presbytery; that they endeavor to raise funds from all the churches, except those in Cabarrus & Stanly Co.s & the Salisbury church, for the purpose of supporting two or more Evangelists, giving to each what shall be considered by them an adequate support.

Report of Com'n on Evangelistic work.

2. That this whole matter of Evangelizing these Western fields, be committed to our Western Committee of Evangelistic work, with instructions to explore the several fields & begin their labors at such points as in their judgment they may decide are the most important & promising for the fortable

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Sept 8th 3d. That the resolution on Evangelistic work found on page 533. be amended so as to read as follows: That the Sessions of our churches be enjoined to cause to be circulated, as soon as possible, in their respective congregations, subscriptions papers, for the purpose of obtaining the following sums of money, for the support of our Evangelist:-

Assumes, Back Creek $30
Bethany 27
Bethel 27
Bethesda 24
Centre 39
Clio 9
Davidson College 33
Concord Enoch 42
Drusilla 3
Fifth Creek 33
Franklin 36
Hickory 15
Lenoir 30
Marion 15
Mocksville 18
Morganton 45
Mooresville 27
Newton 21
Prospect 51
Salem 3
Shiloh 9
Statesville 105
Salisbury 9.

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Tabor - 9
Taylorsville - 24
Third Creek 36
Unity 36
Wilkesboro 9
Total — 704

4. That Mr J. G. Hall be required to write immediately to the Sessions of our churches, informing them of the duty required of them, & urging them to forward to him as soon as possible the sums collected.

Evangelist reports,

5. That as soon as possible, after the 1st of Dec 1881, Mr Hall shall write to such congregations as have failed to send their contributions to him for the cause, reminding them of their failure,

6. That Mr Hall shall, through the N. C. Presbyterian remind any congregations of their delinquency, who shall have failed to send him their contributions by the 1st of Jan 1882.

7. That at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, Mr Hall shall be called upon to state in person or by letter whether he has strictly discharged the duties herein required of him.

8. That at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, the roll of the churches shall be called & each church required to state whether it has complied with the

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Sept 8. inspection of the Presbytery; & if not, the reason of the failure & what was the amount raised.

9. That the Sessions of our Churches seek to obtain by subscription, the sums above named, annually, at the time the collections are usually taken up for Evangelistic work & forward them to the Treasurer of Presbytery,

Com. { P.C. Lenoir, J. Rumple, J.A. Ramsay, A. McD. McIntosh &, N. Johnston

Norwood. Norwood Church was placed in the eastern field Evangelistic field.

Treasurer ordered. The Treasurer of Presbytery was ordered to pay money for this cause upon order of the committee.

Narrative to Synod. The committee on the Narratives to Synod made report which, as amended was adopted, as follows:

The Committee beg leave to report that according to the reports from the various churches, we enjoy the general interest on the subject of religion in our bounds, by the good attendance on the services of the Sanctuary.

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Sept 8th Though family worship is in many congregations sadly neglected, yet we have reason to believe that the performance of this important duty, is on the increase; in some cases ½ to ⅔ of the families attend to it.

In some of our congregations there are no regular prayer-meetings, while in others several are kept up.

The concert for prayer for Missions, is observed in very few of our churches; on the whole a goodly number of copies of the Missionary & other religious papers are taken.

Narratives The Sabbath is generally & formally respected; especially in the country; in some of the towns, there is a tendency to amusement & riding for pleasure.

Sabbath Schools & Bible Classes, in various ways are conducted with efficiency & success in most of the churches; & become nurseries of the Church.

There are no proper revivals of religion mentioned in the reports, nor large additions, yet there is a gradual & steady increase & a foundation laid in the minds of the youth for future strength.

Our pastors are zealously engaged in the work of the ministry, & will reap in due time.

We are glad to see so few cases of discipline on account of Intemperance.

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For the most part, all the causes of benevolence recommended by the Genl. Assembly, are remembered with a good degree of liberality. & collections are taken up on various plans for these objects.

Though we are not enlarging our borders, nor strengthening our stakes as our duty requires, we thank God & take courage.

We sadly need the baptism of faith & the Holy Ghost - more consecration to the service of our master, to render our labors effectual in the Lord.

E. F. Rockwell
W. H. Winn &
J. F. Finley,

The committee on the annual letter of Davidson College, & to nominate Trustees reported the following which was adopted:

That the annual letter of the Trustees is very satisfactory, & reveals the fact that the financial condition of the College is good, the College free from debt, & the income sufficient to run the College on its present basis. The number of students has been larger than usual, & have been under the care & instruction of an able & efficient corps of professors. The Presbytery is gratified with the report, & commends the College to the prayers, the confidence, & the patronage of the people.

D. C. report, &c.

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sept 8th

The committee would nominate W. H. Wood Sr. D. & D. A. Davis Esqr. whose terms of service have just expired, for re-election for the ensuing four years.

Trustees appointed.

com. { J. Rumple
J. A. Ramsay

The Judicial Committee reported no business & were discharged & report received,

The following was adopted: Resolved That the Presbytery of Concord re-affirms its approval of the scheme to erect a house of worship at Old Fort to belong to the Presbyterian church, & would cordially commend the cause to the liberality of our churches & people to render additional aid to enable them to complete their church.

Old Fort, Resolution

The committee on Colportage made a verbal report, stating that they had failed to arrange with the Mecklenburg Presbytery to carry on the work by co-operation. The reports received & approved & the whole management of the Colportage work referred to the Colportage committee.

Col portage Com. report

Rev J. A. Ramsay was nominated as principal commissioner to the next Genl. Assembly & Rev J. N. H. Summerell as alternate, and W. W. Johnston ruling elder as principal & Col. J. G. Barnhardt as his alternate.

P. C. & W. J. nominated to Genl. Assy.

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sept 8th — Rev W. A. Woodside was nominated as Moderator for the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

W.A.W. nominated Mod.

Rev J. A. Ramsay was placed on the Committee of Colportage instead of Rev P. F. Pearce.

The A&P. of Publication offered the following report which was rec'd & approved:

Pub. Com. report.

1 That the general cause of publication at present, is in a more favorable condition than for several years past. The burden of debt is now reduced to $5.00. which it is hoped will be lifted by the next annual collection.

There have been during the past year, no new publications, except the Sabbath Tract & Plummer's portrait Tracts.

2 Twenty four of our churches contributed $128. to this cause during the past year, being $8. less than the year previous.

Eleven churches report no contributions. viz: Bethlehem, Zion, Norwood, Concord (Sudell) Cleo, Shiloh, Back Creek, Fifth Creek, Poplar Tent & Salem.

R. W. Boyd A&P.

Sys. Ben. report.

Rev T. F. Thurston from the Committee on Systematic Benevolence reported: recommending that the Spring report on this subject be forwarded to Synod. The report was rec'd & adopted.

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sept 8th — The following was adopted:-

Order rescinded

Resolved That the order of this Presbytery requiring the Committees of Education & Home Missions to give not less than ten nor more than 25 per cent of the funds collected for these causes, to the Gen'l. Assembly's Committee, be & is hereby rescinded.

Colportage work. order

It was ordered that the whole management of the Colportage work be referred to the judgment of the Colportage Committee.

Directory of worship. Com.

The Committee on Bills & Overtures reported no business in their hands. The report was received & Committee discharged.

Revs P. P. Winn, W. A. Woodside, & H. B. Anderson & ruling elder E. B. Stimson, were appointed to examine the Directory for Worship and down by the Gen'l. Assembly & report at the next Stated meeting.

The Committee on Finance reported no business in their hands, which report was received & the Committee discharged.

J. C. M. report.

Licentiate J. C. Kennedy made a verbal report of his labors since the last regular meeting which was received & approved.

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Treasurer reports

The Treasurer pro. Tem. reported $10. received from the Wilkesboro Church for Foreign Missions & also the collection taken up at this meeting for the same object. & credited to the Lenoir Church.

Statistical report to Synod

The following statistical Report was made out by the Stated Clerk & Ordered to Synod:

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of N.C. that they comprise 24 Ministers & 34 churches & have under their care one licentiate & two candidates; that on the 29th day of May 1881 they ordained J. N. H. Summerell to the full work of the ministry & installed him pastor of Poplar Tent Church; that on the 4th of June they licensed Mr. Preston Julian as a probationer for the holy ministry; that on the same day they installed Rev. R. M. Boyd pastor of Franklin church; that on the 7th of Sept. they transferred licentiate N. B. Julian to the care of Montgomery Presbytery Va.; that on the 8th of Sept. they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. R. P. Mimm & the Church of Concord (Dudley); & that the next stated meeting will be held at Concord Town on on Tuesday (25) before the last Sab. in April 1882.

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A vote of thanks was tendered to the citizens of Lenoir for generous hospitality; to the M. E. Church for the kindness of the use of their house of worship; to the W. N. C. R. R. & Abernathy & Whitener for reduced rates of hack fare.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian church in Salisbury, Wednesday, Nov. 2nd 1881 at 10 o'clock A.M. Closed with singing, prayer & the benediction.

William W. Phaer
Stated Clerk

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Nov 2nd Adjourned meeting.

Presbytery met in the Salisbury Presbyterian Church. Nov 2nd 1881 according to adjournment.

Rev A. L. Crawford Moderator presiding. The Presbytery was opened with prayer by Rev W. A. Woodside.

Present, ministers: R. B. Anderson. J. H. Colton. A. L. Crawford. J. A. Ramsay J. Rumple. E. F. Rockwell. T. S. Thurston J. M. Vhasey. W. A. Woodside. L. McKinnon J. H. Thornwell.

Ruling Elders:

H. C. Hamilton	Hickory
E. A. Hall	Fifth Creek
J. A. Klutz	Franklin
E. A. Perkins	Morganton
D. B. Gaither	Newton
J. L. Martin	Rocky River
R. Sterling	Mocksville.

Custer excused — Rev P. M. Custer was excused for absence from the present & former meetings & permission granted him to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery until the Spring meeting.

Hickory supply. — Permission was granted the Hickory Church to employ the ministerial services

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Nov 2. — of Rev T. S. Thurston, as stated supply, until next stated meeting, at a salary of $375. per annum, for nearly one half of his time.

Rev J. M. Vhasey announced the resignation of Rev J. H. Thornwell as Evangelist in the eastern field, & recommended Rev W. B. Arnwood as Evangelist in his stead. Whereupon Mr Arnwood was duly elected & the Stated Clerk ordered to furnish him a commission stating his powers & duties.

W. B. A. Evangelist.

The petition from the Morganton church for the whole of the ministerial time of Rev R. B. Anderson was not granted.

Com. — Revs P. D. Pennick, J. A. Ramsay & W. W. Pharr were appointed to revise the assessments of the churches & report at the next Stated meeting.

Cor. members — Revs R. H. Thornwell of Orange Presbytery; H. G. Hill & J. S. McPherson, D. D. of Fayetteville Presbytery & W. E. McShane & G. L. Cook of Mecklenburg Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

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Nov 2nd. Rev S. McKinnon was requested to furnish his sermon on the Nature & importance of the Office of Evangelist, preached by appointment at the last meeting. For publication in the Southern Presbyterian Review.

Permission was granted Rev. J. H. Thornwell, to labor out-side the bounds of this Presbytery until next regular meeting.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

Nov 5. Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator Nov 5th & was opened with prayer. There being no further business. Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church in Concord on Tuesday (25th) before the last Sabbath in April 1882. 7. o'clock P.M.

Closed with prayer.

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk

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April 11. Pro re nata - meeting.

In pursuance of the following call; viz: 1882 Mar 28th
Mocksville March 28th

The provisions for calling a pro re nata meeting of Presbytery having been complied with, the Presbytery of Concord will meet in the Presbyterian Church of Salisbury April 11th 7. o'clock P.M. for the purpose, if the way be clear, of dismissing Rev J. H. Cotton, at his own request to the Presbytery of Enoree S.C. and of appointing an Agt. of Foreign Missions in his place. A. G. Crawford Mod.

J. H. Cotton dismissed

The Presbytery of Concord met at the place and time above specified, and was called to order & constituted with prayer by Rev J. A. Ramsay, last Moderator

Present.

Present ministers - F. P. Harrell, J. A. Ramsay & J. Rumple. and O. A. Davis ruling Elder of Salisbury Church.

The specified business was taken up when Rev J. H. Cotton, at his request, was dismissed to Enoree Presbytery S.C. & the Stated Clerk ordered to forward a certificate of the same. The item of electing an Agt. of Foreign Missions, in his stead, was deferred until the approaching regular meeting.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet in Concord April 25th 1882 at 7. o'clock P.M.

Wm. W. Pharr (S.P.)

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Concord Presbytery met in the presbyterian Church of Concord April 25th 1882 at 7½ o. Clock P.M. and after a Sermon by Rev A. L. Crawford Moderator pro tem. 45:5 was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called & the following present: Ministers - A. L. Crawford. S. K. Glasgow. F. P. Darrell. L. McKinnon. P. F. Renick. Wm W. Shaw. E. F. Rockwell. J. Rumple. J. N. D. Summerell. J. D. Thomwell. T. S. Thurston. J. M Wharey & W. A. Woodside.

2nd day R. B. Anderson. B. L. Beall. J. A. Ramsay. P. P. Winn.

Ruling Elders		Churches
J. M. Wilson	of	Bethel
R. C. Golder	"	Bethesda
E. W. Kinnon	"	Bethphage
E. M. McNeely	"	Centre
R. W. Allison	"	Concord
H. P. Helper	"	Davidson College
R. W. Johnston	"	Hickory
Richd Sterling	"	Mocksville
W. A. Johnston	"	Mooresville
T. H. Robinson	"	Poplar Tent
D. W. Torrance	"	Prospect
J. C. Bernhardt	"	Rocky River
Jno Wm Murdock	"	Salisbury

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E. A. Stevenson & Taylorsville
W. L. Steele & Third Creek
Jas. Gibson & Thyatira.

Ministers

Absent with excuse. T. N. Parkes. T. D. Johnston
R. M. Boyd. J. W. Davis. P. M. Custer.

Absent without written excuse A. A. Hepburn D.D.

Churches not represented:

Mod. & Cl'ks.

Rev W. A. Wood D.D. was chosen Moderator & Rev J. M. Wharey & R. Sterling Temporary Clerks.

Corr. members.

Revs W. B. Arrowood of Montgomery Presby. & J. W. Chester of Mecklenburg Presbytery. being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Revs A. J. Waldman of the Lutheran Church. W. S. Creasy of the M. E. Church South. R. W. Petre of the Lutheran Ch. T. W. Smith of the M. E. Ch. South. Lewis Norland of the Catawba Presbytery Northern church, were invited to sit as visiting brethren.

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It was ordered that the daily sittings of this meeting be from 9 o. clock A.m. until 12½ P.M. and from 2½ P.M. until 5 P.M.

Adjourned with prayer.

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Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

Rev's R. B. Anderson & B. L. Beall appeared & were excused for tardiness.

Ruling Elders - E. A. Perkins of Morganton. A. G. Eagle of Newton. M. W. Hill of Statesville M. L. Barnhardt of Norwood. N. Reminger of Unity & Henry Brown of Back Creek appeared & their names were enrolled.

Minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

Minutes read.

The minutes of the last stated & adjourned meetings were read & approved.

Rev J. H. Thornwell was excused for absence from last meeting.

W. B. Arrowood received

Rev W. B. Arrowood was received on certificate from Montgomery Presbytery &c. & after examination his name was enrolled as a member of this body.

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Rev P.T. Penick was requested to preach to-night on the relations of Baptized Children to the Head of the church.

An overture from Prospect church was read & referred to the Committee on Bills & Overtures.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of Synod in reference to absentees from Synod was read & referred to the Committee on the Minutes of Synod.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Mod. Com's. On Narrative to Gen. Assembly: Rev J. Rumple J.M. Wilson & R.C. Zoller R.E.s

Evangelistic work: Rev J.D. Thornwell & A.E. Perkins & E.W. Kimmons.

Systematic Benevolence: Rev D.P. Harrell & ruling elder D.F. Culpepper & R.W. Johnston

Minutes of Synod: Rev P.T. Penick T.H. Robinson & W.A. Johnston.

On Finance: ruling elders. Wm Murdock E.M. McNeely & A. Peninger.

On report & Records of the Committee of Home Missions: Rev T.S. Thurston A.J. Beagle. Henry Brown.

Judicial Committee: Rev A.C. Craford E.M. Stevenson, & P.C. Barnhardt.

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Bills & Overtures: Rev E.F. Rockwell. P.T. Penick & Jas. Gibson R.E.

Devotional Exercises: Rev S. McKinnon & E.W. Allison R.E.

Sessional Records: S.R. Glasgow. D.E. Torrence & W.S. Stude. Examine one half of the books. and Rev J.A.W. Summerell. T.G. Robinson & M.W. Hill to examine the other half.

Com. D.C. Revs D.B. Anderson. W.W. Hayes & J. Rumple were appointed to nominate a Trustee for Davidson College. to fill the place of D.A. Davis deceased.

D.A. Davis Treasurer elected. Mr O.A. Davis ruling elder of Salisbury Church was elected to fill the place of his father as Treasurer of Presbytery; and a Committee consisting of Rev's E.F. Rockwell A.S. Crawford & E.W. Allison R.E.s was appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the death of our former Treasurer D.A. Davis.

It was ordered that the whole subject of Home Missions be considered tomorrow night.

Com's to Jud. Ass'y. Rev J.A. Ramsay, with Rev J.A.W. Simmonds as his alternate. and ruling elder M. Wyckliffe with J.C. Barnhardt as his alternate were chosen as Commissioners to the next Gen. Assembly to meet in Atlanta Ga.

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Rev W.B. Arnwood was nominated as Moderator of the next meeting of this body.

The rule of Presbytery, regarding the nomination of Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly at the previous Fall meeting, was repealed.

Place & Time of Pres.

Morganton was chosen as the place, & Tuesday after the 3rd Sab. of Sept. 1882. 11 o'clock A.M. as the Time for the next regular meeting of this Presbytery.

C.S.P. Agt. of For. Missions.

Rev T.G. Thurston was elected Agent of For. Missions in stead of Rev J.H. Colton resigned.

In the absence of Rev R.P. Wilson Agt. of Sabbath Schools, Rev J. Semple was appointed to prepare a report on this subject; & it was made the first order for to-morrow evening to hear said report.

The report on For. Missions was appointed to be heard on Friday 10. o'clock A.M.

Rev R.W. Boyd was excused for absence from the present meeting.

The reports of the late Treasurer of Presbytery, S.A. Davis, were referred to the Committee of Finance.

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Presbytery then took recess until 2½ o'clock P.M.

After recess. Presbytery met. The several annual reports from the Churches, viz: narrative on the State of religion, on Sabbath Schools, on Systematic Benevolence & Statistical reports; were handed in & referred to the appropriate Committees.

Assessment of Churches reports.

The committee appointed to reassess the churches reported the following Presbyterial Assessment:

Back Creek	$ 9	Norwood	$ 2
Bethany	10	Poplar Tent	30
Bethel	9	Prospect	15
Bethesda	9	Rocky River	35
Bethphage	12	Salem	1
Centre	12	Salisbury	35
Elio	3	Shiloh	3
Davidson College	15	Statesville	33
Concord (2nd ch)	14	Siloam	3
Concord Town	35	Tabor	3
Amsilla	1	Taylorsville	9
Fifth Creek	11	Third Creek	13
Franklin	12	Thyatira	12
Hickory	9	Unity	12
Lenoir	9	Wilkesboro	3
Marion	5	Zion	3
Mocksville	4		
Morganton	15	R.P. Pinckney W.W. Pharr	Com
Mooresville	14		
Newton	7		

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It was ordered that the Presbyterial assessment of the churches in the Western Evangelistic field be multiplied by four (4) as their assessment for the Evangelistic Fund, & that Davidson College be assessed four times their presbyterial assessment.

An Overture from the Session of Hickory Church, was read & referred to the Committee on Bills & Overtures.

Presbytery then took a recess until the hour for public worship.

After recess Presbytery met.
Rev J. A. Ramsay appeared & gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Ruling elders- John Fisher of Zion Church & Jacob Thompson of Grantsboro appeared & were enrolled.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer.

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Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read, corrected & approved.

Overture Hickory answer

The committee on Bills & Overtures reported on the following Overture from the Session of Hickory- recommending that it be granted:

The Session of Hickory would overture the Presbytery of Concord, to require the Treasurer to print on a slip of common printing paper, annually on the 1st day of April, & mail to each of our thirty four Churches, a statement in detail of the contributions of all the churches to the several Committees, with the dates of such receipts, & also of the payments made therefrom, also with dates of payment.

We would further overture, to wit: That all appropriations made from either of those funds be made by Presbytery upon the recommendation of the Committee charged with that branch of the church work.

W. C. Hamilton P.C.

This report was received & the request of Hickory church granted, & ept that the Treasurer was required to print the Statements of Church contributions in the N. C. Presbyterian, instead of on slips of printing paper.

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The Committee of Bills & Overtures reported an answer to the overture from Prospect Session, asking whether a certificate of good & regular standing can be given to one who has married the husband of her deceased sister. If not what discipline shall be made of the offence?

Overture Prospect. answer.

The answer of the Committee was adopted & afterward reconsidered & the following substitute adopted in reply to said Session:- While the marriage in question is directly against the confession of Faith, & therefore technically an offense, yet as the Gen. Assembly has made such recent decisions in reference to this matter, and there is so much doubt in the minds of many, as to it being the teaching of the Scriptures; the parties to a marriage of this sort should not be debarred from the privileges of Church membership, and when otherwise worthy should be allowed letters of dismission when removing to another Church.

Rev C. W. Robinson of Danville Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

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Rev R. P. Smith appeared & gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Presbytery then took recess until 2½ o'clock P.M.

After recess. Presbytery met. The committee appointed to draft resolutions offered the following which was adopted:

D. A. Davis deceased

Whereas Divine Providence has removed from us that aged, venerable & useful officer of our Church, who so long & faithfully filled various posts of duty, & especially that of Treasurer of this body - D. A. Davis Esqr of Salisbury, we desire reverently to bow in submission to the Divine will; to record our grateful sense of his valuable services, & our sorrow at our loss of him, & to pray that this affliction may be so improved as to result in our good & the glory of God.

Resolved that this brief notice of the death of D. A. Davis be not only placed on our books of Records, but that a copy be forwarded to the afflicted family.

Com. { E. F. Rockwell, A. D. Crawford, R. M. Allison

Rev J. M. Custer dismissed

Rev J. M. Custer, at his own request, was dismissed to North Mississippi Presbytery.

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Rev J. Rumple offered a Statistical report on Sabbath Schools, which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly; also a report touching the general cause of Sabbath School work in our bounds, which was received & the following resolutions appended thereto adopted:-

Sab. School report.

1. That it is our duty to the great Head of the church to gather the children into Sab. Schools for instruction; & not only the children, but as far as possible all the members of the congregation.

The Sabbath School, in its modern development is not the mere nursery of the church, but it is the Assembly of the church itself engaged in searching the Scriptures, & in the appropriate place for the pastor & other officers of the church.

2. It is a matter of the utmost importance that our ministers, Superintendents & teachers should study this matter more thoroughly, & adopt the most approved methods of conducting & teaching Sab. Schools, making them as attractive & interesting as possible, as well as instructive. The whole matter of Sabbath School music, libraries & methods demands attention.

3. To this end, our superintendents & teachers should be brought together in more frequent conference, in Teachers meetings, institutes

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a regular programme of proceedings prepared & studied in advance of the meetings. It would also be of profit if the Sabbath School workers of pastoral charges, townships or counties, were to meet for conference & prayer.

It would also be of service if our Presbytery should devote one day to the consideration of this subject annually.

Sab. School report.

4. It is now an accepted doctrine that the teachers of our secular Schools have been greatly benefitted by normal schools, & Institutes, in which the art of teaching is taught, our Sabbath School teachers would be equally benefitted by normal class drill, & Sunday School Teacher's Institutes. It is therefore recommended that steps be taken looking to the establishment of Sab. School Normal Institutes, & that in the mean time our superintendents & teachers be encouraged to avail themselves of such opportunities for improving themselves for their work, as may be open to them.

5. It is of the highest importance that the children & youth of our congregations be brought to take a more active part in the benevolent work of the church; & especially in the work of Foreign Missions. We urge therefore on our ministers & Sessions that our young people be trained, in connection with the Sabbath School work, in the grace of giving, seeing that their interest in the church & love for it, will be developed as they work for it.

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6. That our Agent for Sabbath Schools be directed to prepare a scheme for the instruction of Sabbath School teachers in the art of teaching, & report the same at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Finance com. report.

The committee of finance made the following report which was received & approved:

Your Finance committee have audited the Treasurer's accounts, & find the books correctly & neatly kept, & sustained by proper vouchers, & recommend it's approval; we find the amounts contributed during the past year as follows:

To Home Missions	$ 149.19
" Foreign Missions	62.27
" Education	384.88
" Publication	132.35
" Commissioner's Fund	260.18
" Invalid Fund	113.05
" Evangelistic Fund	62.27
" Tuscaloosa Institute	47.45
" Waldensian Church	3.04
" Western Evangelist	114.71
Total	1780.39

There is remaining in the Treasury $ 1168.84 cash & a note of T. J. Fetzer of $ 283.48 due about 1st Jan. next, being the balance of money advanced to him with interest added.

Com. { Wm Murdock, E. M. McAuley, M. Pennington

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Presbyterial records. report.

Rev J. R. Glasgow from the committee to examine the first half of the Sessional Records reported recommending the approval of - Bethany, Perthphay & Concord, Mecklenburg. Franklin. Fifth Cross, Junior, Back Cross, Hickory & Mooresville without exception & Bethesda. Centre, Mocksville, with exception. The reports was received & adopted & the exceptions ordered to be noted on the books to which they were taken, respectively.

Com. { Rev J. R. Glasgow, M. Jordan, Wm. Morrison

Bills.

The committee on Bills & Overtures was directed to report an Overture to the Genl. Assembly upon the subject of the marriage of a deceased wife's sister.

Presbytery took recess until 7½ o'clock P. M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The committee on devotional exercises reported recommending that Rev D. P. Winn be appointed to preach tonight.

Home Missions was taken up.

Home Missions.

Rev J. Rumple read the annual report of the Committee on Home Missions, which was received, & referred, together with the records of the committee, to the Committee of Review.

Rev J. M. Wharey from the committee having charge of the Eastern Evangelistic field

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Eastern Evangelistic work. Report.

reported that, by the blessing of God they had been able to keep an Evangelist in the field during the whole year except a few months last Fall.

Rev J. W. Thornwell had served faithfully, & with great acceptance to the community, as well as to the people; until in consequence of the state of his health, he felt constrained to give up the work. His labors were very efficient in opening up the field - & have been blessed of the Master.

That in the kind Providence of God, Rev W. B. Arrowood, was almost immediately secured to take Bro. Thornwell's place. He entered upon his work, 1st of January last, & has been with great energy & zeal pursuing his duties.

Already the work has been rapidly unfolding in Stanly Co, & greater demands are made for more time & more labor. Additional places in the Co. are urgently asking for the ministrations of our Evangelist. We feel encouraged to press the work with still greater energy.

Western Ev report

The committee appointed to employ an Evangelist in the Western field reported, 1st That they have made no progress - at least they have failed to secure an Evangelist;

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2. That they have diligently corresponded successively with a number of brethren with a view of procuring them for the field, & nearly all of them have had the matter under serious consideration. This necessarily involved considerable delay. All these brethren for various reasons declined our offer. We hope however that we have at last secured the services of Rev J. M. Wherry for this field for the Summer months of this year. We have secured his full consent, & all that remains to complete the arrangement, is the consent of his church.

J. G. Hall report. &c.

On this connection a report was read from J. G. Hall - stating that he had, according to the requirements of Presbytery, written to all the churches in the Western field - stating the amount of money each one had been assessed by the Presbytery - some of them had responded promptly & in full, others had responded sending a part of their assessments & guaranteeing the balance, others sent nothing but their Sessions guaranteed the required amount, others have made no response.

That the Presbyterial assessment of the churches - $805.00. The amount paid in excess by some of the churches is $49.80 = $854.80.

Amount collected by the Committee $308.92.
" Held by O. A. Davis Treasurer 115.71
" Guaranteed by Sessions - 162.75
" Delinquent 262.42.

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The foregoing reports were received & approved.

Rev J. B. Mack D.D. of the Presbytery of Charleston, S.C. being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

April 28th Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

The committee to examine the narratives from the churches made report which was rec'd & approved & were ordered to be returned to the Sessions with the exceptions noted thereon respectively.

Narratives rept.

A narrative was read on the State of religion & was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen'l Assembly. (see Appendix)

Resolution Docketed.

The following was adopted: Resolved, That we post upon the docket to be considered at the next meeting of Presbytery, whether or not it is expedient to change our series of questions for Sessional reports on the Narrative for the Gen'l Assembly's series of questions.

Com. rept.

Rev J. D. Thornwell from the committee on Evangelistic work, made a report, which was received, approved & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen'l Assembly. (see appendix)

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April 28th Rev J. W. Thornwell, J. Temple & Wm. Murdock were appointed to report a proper disposition of all the funds in our Presbyterial Treasury.

Com. Report: Minutes of Synod.

Rev P. J. Pennick from the committee on the minutes of Synod reported, that there was nothing in said documents calling for special action of this body, which was received & the committee discharged.

S.C. of Synod. reply.

The same committee offered a report as to the communication from the Stated Clerk of Synod, for which the following substitute was adopted: In answer to the letter of the Stated Clerk of Synod, this Presbytery would state that it recognizes the obligation of its ministers & appointed elders to attend upon the meetings of Synod, or send a sufficient excuse, & further that the Presbytery will attend to its duty in this matter.

A.S.T. of For. Mission rept.

The A.S.T. of Foreign Mission read a report which was received & approved & the following recommendation appended thereto adopted: Your A.S.T. recommends that Presbytery urge Every church which has not held Missionary meetings in the past, to hold at least one distinctively missionary meeting the coming year, either on the Sabbath or a week day.

T. S. Thurston A.S.T.

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In connection with the foregoing reports the following papers were read & received as informa-tion:

Testament.

Copy of the last will & Testament of Miss Mary P. White deceased.
Item 4th I will devise & bequeath the remainder of my estate, not herein before bequeathed. To the Secretary & Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South) to be appropriated according to the best judgment of said Committee to the cause of Foreign Missions.

J. C. Barnhardt, Testator.

The Apt. of For. Missions was instructed to correspond with Rev W. C. Lindsay & arrange a series of missionary meetings in our churches if practicable.

Sessional Records report.

Rev J. M. W. Summerell from the Committee on the 2nd half of the Sessional Records reported the approval of the records of Statesville, Milkstore, Morganton, Newton, Bethel, Third Creek, Unity, Zion, Prospect, Salisbury, Rocky River & Thyatira & Norwood, & the approval of the Records of Taylorsville with one exception. The report was received & adopted & the exception ordered to be noted in the book to which it was taken.

Com { J. Summerell, D. H. Robinson & A. M. Hall

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Clio supply.

A request from Clio church, for the ministerial services of Rev P. P. Winn for 1/4 of his time at a salary of $135. per annum was granted. Rev P. P. Winn was also granted permission to labor in the bounds of Salem church.

Back Creek & Thyatira Calls Changed.

Back Creek church requested that the call for their pastor Rev J. A. Ramsay, be so changed as to read $375- in stead of $350. for half his time. Also a request from Thyatira church so to change the call of their pastor Rev J. A. Ramsay, as to read $325- and Mount- in stead of $350. for half his time- These requests were granted & the calls so changed.

P. S. P. & W. P. Y. P. Com.

Rev's P. T. Penick, Wm. P. Chas & F. P. Harrell & ruling elder R. M. Allison were appointed to look into the matter of establishing a preaching point at or near the Cross Roads Cabarrus Co.

Rev J. B. Mack D.D. was invited to address the Presbytery touching the interests of Davidson College.

Mocksville supply.

Applications of Mocksville church for the services of Rev A. L. Crawford for 1/4 of his time at a salary of $250- of Third Creek for 1/2 his time at a salary of $500. & of Bethesda for one fourth of his time at a salary of $250- were made & granted.

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5th Church & Bethany.

The matter of supplying the churches of Sept. Christ & Bethany was referred to the Committee of Home Missions.

Ruling elders J. A. Wilson, Henry Bason, T. F. Robinson obtained leave of absence.

J. C. 1/2 report.

Executive J. C. Kennedy made report of his labors during the last six months, which report was received & approved.

Presbytery then took recess until 2 1/2 o'clock P. M.

After recess.

Wilkesboro supply.

Presbytery met. Application was made for the services of Rev C. S. Thurston, for 1/4 of his time at a salary of $175 from Wilkesboro Church, & granted.

Report - Home Miss.

The Committee to examine the report & Records of the Committee of Home Missions, offered the following which was received & adopted:

The Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the book & report of the Committee of Home Missions & recommend that they be approved, & the report adopted. The Committee call attention to the recommendation of the Committee of Home Missions.

They also nominate the present committee to serve another year. (See Minutes)

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Overture to Gen. Assembly.

The committee on Bills & overtures offered the following, which was accepted, adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly:-

At a meeting of Concord Presbytery, held in Concord N.C., April 5th 1882. It was resolved to overture the Gen. Assembly that is to meet at Atlanta Ga. in May next, to take steps to have stricken from our Book, the prohibition against the marriage of a deceased wife's sister, & other degrees of affinity contained in the last sentence of Chap. 24. sec 4, of the Confession of Faith.

There are to our minds many weighty reasons for this action

1. It is practically almost a dead letter.
2. A great many cannot be brought to believe that this connection is wrong from the Bible.
3. It has been abolished by the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland & the Protestant Churches on the Continent of Europe.
4. Other denominations do not hold to the rule, or discipline for the violation of it as an offense
5. None of the United States have such a prohibition on their statute Books.
6. Men of the highest attainments in the knowledge of the ancient laws & usages of the Jews, & the Talmuds, are against it.
7. The Septuagint translation of the Old Testament is against it.

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8. It is impossible to lead men of common understanding, to believe that it is incest in any degree corresponding to the marriage of a man's own near Kin.

From these & various other reasons, we the members of Concord Presbytery, humbly & respectfully pray the Gen. Assembly in their wisdom to consider the matter & to take measures to remove this law from our Confession of Faith.

E. F. Rockwell,
com. { P. T. Bernier
Jas. Gibson ✓

The judicial committee reported no business in their hands. The report was accepted & committee discharged.

The following was adopted:

Sabbath Schools, resolution

Whereas there is, as we fear, a deplorable neglect within our bounds of the great duty of honoring God & his word by the religious instruction & training of the children of the Church - therefore -

Resolved: That, as a court of the Church of Christ, we do recognize the family as a divine institution, & God's own appointed & constituted nursery for training Children for His Kingdom & service.

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2. That whatever may be the importance & usefulness of the Sabbath School as an aid & a missionary enterprize, we would solemnly remind Christian parents of their bounding duty to teach their children at home the truths of God's word, & in no case to permit the Sabbath School to be an excuse for the neglect, or careless performance of this duty.

3. That we exhort our Sessions, having control of Sabbath Schools, to discourage the idea that the Sabbath School is the Church of the Children of our communion.

Distribution of funds in Treasury.

The Committee appointed to suggest a proper distribution of the funds in the Treasury, reported Recommending the following, which was adopted:-

1. The committee recommend that $28.42 be transferred from the cause of Education to that of Sustentation proper.

2. That $37.75 of Evangelistic money be turned over to J. S. Hall of the Western Evangelistic Committee - Also that one hundred dollars be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly's Committee to be disbursed in Evangelistic work in Texas, & that the balance be transferred to Sustentation.

3. That the sum of fifty dollars be transferred from the cause of Publication to Sustentation proper.

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D. College Trustee

The Committee appointed to recommend a Trustee for D. College in stead of D. H. Hall deceased, recommended J. H. Hill of Statesville, which report was accepted & adopted.

Presbytery then heard Rev W. B. Mack's D.D. on the interests of Davidson College.

On this connection the following paper was adopted:-

D. College resolution

Resolved. That in view of the fact that free tuition is offered to our young men in other institutions, thus tempting them to forsake our own college for others, we believe that the time has come for the Board of Trustees to increase the endowment of Davidson College, so as to offer free tuition to all who may come.

2. That the Board of Trustees be overtured to initiate the matter, pledging that Concord Presbytery will heartily co-operate in this desireable work.

J. H. C.

Rev J. H. Thornwell was granted leave to labor out-side the bounds of this Presbytery until next fall.

The Committee on Statistics Records made a report, which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl Assembly.

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Concord (2nd) Cited.

It was ordered that the Church of Concord (Rudell) be notified to present to the next Stated meeting of this Presbytery their reasons for their failure to meet their pecuniary obligations to Rev P. D. Winn.

Book of Discipline Change.

The proposed change in Chap. 12. Sec 3. of the Book of Discipline, so as read; "this provision shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the case of ruling Elders & Deacons". was adopted.

Resolution referred to next meeting

The following resolution, being introduced, was referred for consideration to the next meeting of Presbytery;

Resolved; That Concord Presbytery having for several years conducted its benevolent enterprises independently of the Genl. Assembly's Committees, upon mature consideration is constrained to believe that the interests of the Church would be promoted by co-operation with the Genl. Assembly's Committees.

The Treasurer & Genl Agts. of this Presbytery are therefore instructed to co-operate with the Assembly's Treasurer & Committees.

Rev J. Temple & Mr. Penninger. Wm Murdoch. D. W. Deaton & ruling elders were granted leave of absence.

Presbytery then took recess until 8 o'clock P.M. to night.

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After recess. Presbytery met. Rev J. Rumple was appointed to preach at Thyatira one Sab. & Rev F. P. Harrell one Sabbath at Back Creek, in the absence of Rev J. A. Ramsay at the meeting of the Gen. Assembly.

Appointments

The thanks of Presbytery were extended to the citizens of Leonard for their hospitality & to R. R. for reduced fare & to Churches that have extended the use of their houses of worship.

The Committee appointed to organize a Church at Groutmans depot reported that they met at said place & proceeded to organize a Church by enrolling the names of several persons as members, who by the Chairman, were declared to be a Church in accordance with our book of Church Order.

Groutmans depot

Church organized & dissolved

At this point the Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman to complete the organization by the election of Elders & Deacons. In the providence of God the Committee have never again assembled at that place, & are now reported that the way is not clear to continue that work, as by death & removals, only 3 female members of those enrolled, remain in that community.

The report was rec'd. & approved & the Church dissolved & the members enrolled there

directed to report themselves for enrollment to some neighboring Session.

com { P. D. Bennett / P. P. Winn.

The Treasurer was directed to advance $20. to each of our Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly.

Revised book.

The Committee to examine the revised Directory for worship reported, which report was received & a substitute for the report adopted, declaring the unpreparedness of this body to adopt the book in its present form.

The minutes were read & approved, & Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church of Morganton on Saturday the 23d day of Sept. 1882, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk

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Appendix No 1.

Narratives to Gen'l Assembly to meet at Atlanta Ga.

1. The Presbytery of Concord respectfully reports to the Gen'l Assembly that the narratives from the churches indicate a very encouraging degree of official fidelity on the part of our Church officers.
2. There has also been a commendable attendance of our people upon the services of the Sanctuary; in a number of instances an advance over former years.
3. We are pained to report that there are few evidences of special outpouring of the Holy Ghost in our churches, only one church having been signally blessed, yet in a number of others there have been encouraging additions & general growth in Christian grace.
4. Scarcely any allusion has been made in the reports to the sins of intemperance & worldly amusement. In a few cases our churches have been troubled on this subject, but we infer that the great mass of our people are walking orderly.
5. In respect to Family worship there has been but little improvement, & not much earnest efforts. except from the pulpit

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to secure improvement. In some cases it is reported that one fourth, one third, or one half of the families have the family altar, But the majority report a lamentable deficiency.
6. Catechetical instruction seems to have been turned over to the Sab. Schools, yet some of our families & ministers attend to this matter individually.
7. The reports on the subject of Sab. Schools themselves are singularly meagre & defective, Without having direct written testimony, the Presbytery is pleased that Sabbath observation is increasing, especially in towns & along Rail Road lines. Some of our people consume parts of the Sabbath occasionally in Railroad traveling.
8. In regard to fidelity in worshipping God with their substance the reports are more favorable, The teachings of the word of God on this subject are becoming better known & more fully obeyed.
9. Nearly all our churches have been supplied with preaching regularly during the year.
10. Very little has been done for the religious instruction of the Colored people, In one or two cases there are Sab. School instructions given to a few, but the neglect has been general. Our territory is covered by a Presbytery of the Northern Church that has gathered nearly all of the Presbyterian colored people into the Churches, & the field has not been open to us as in former years. Still more might have been done.

Wm W Pharr S.P.

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Sabbath School Report.

	No. on roll		Average attendance				Amt. Contributed over in School	Amt. for Families
					Decrease			
Back Concord	20	2	15					
Bethesda	9. 6.	1.35	6. 6	1.30	3.	Average 5.		
Back Creek	4	45	2	30				
Bethel	7	80	4	65				
Bethsaida	6	35	6	30				
Bethany	8	72	6	37				
Centre	3	16	2	12				
Clio	35	165	20	115		20		
Concord Town	9	50	9	41				
Davidson College	6	66	5	40				
Fifth Street	4	40	4	30				
Franklin	13	78	9	48				
Hickory	6	50	6	26		9		
Lenoir	6	18	6	15				
Marion	5	27	4	23				
Mocksville	15	200	14	130	2	44		
Mooresville	15	66	12	66	4			
Morganton	6	35	5	35	1			
Newton	no	School.						
Norwood	9	98	7	65	2	29		
Poplar Tent.	9	103	7	51	1	31		
Prospect	18	100	14	90				
Rocky River		30						
Salisbury	18	161	16	109	3	22		
Statesville	18	118	12	78	3	8		
Taylorsville	8	75	7	60				
Third Creek	12	85	10	70				
Thyatira	9	80	5	70				
Unity	8	50	8	40				
Zion	5	34	4	30				
Total 30	257	2019	214	1451	16	162		

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	No.	added Coll.	Amt. Contributed over in School	Amt. for Families
				$3.36
		2		
		4	$3.50	
			3.80	
		1		10.25
		5		
		10	4.0.	
3			10.50	40.00
			8.50	
			7.00	
			26.00	6.49.
1		2	2.24	15.83
		1	4.50	1.40
		6		89.55
	3		36.39	24.35
			9.60	
		3	18.00	2.00
		6	10.57	8.00
		1	4.05	
		2	40.00	91.00
		23	11.80	40.00
			9.50	2.29
		1		
		6		
			8.00	
3	10		1.81.	
7	13		254.29	345.00

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Systematic Benevolence.

Objects	No of Contributing Ch.	Amounts
Home Missions	30	$240.
Evangelistic	27	85-4.
Invalid Fund	22	11 8
For. Missions	28	[illegible] 1546
Education	26	12 60
Publication	24	6 17
Presbyterial	20	2 90
Pastors Salaries paid	29	116 36
Congregational	25	38 94
Miscellaneous	14	19 3
Total -	30	201 48.

Of our 35 Churches, 19 have contributed to all the 14 Objects of benevolence ordered by the Genl. Assembly; 4 have contributed to 5 of them; 4 to 4 of them; 2 to 3 of them & 5 to none of them, so far as reported.

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Evangelistic Report to Genl. Assembly.

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully report to the Genl. Assembly that, their territory is divided into two Evangelistic fields, each under the direction of a Committee.

One of these fields has an Evangelist with a Salary of $700.

The other has elected one who hopes soon to enter upon the work.

The success in our Evangelistic work is very encouraging, & while much remains to be done, we are grateful at the tokens of the divine favor attending our efforts.

This Presbytery does not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee

Wm W. Pharr S. C.

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The Presbyterial report of Concord Presbytery

The Presbytery reports that it consists of 24 & two candidates, viz:

Ministers Licentiates & candidates	Post office	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Members in communion	Added on certificate
T. P. Johnston, D.D.	Paper Spring, Danville Va.					
E. F. Rockwell S.S.	Cool Spring	N.C. Bethany S.S.	4	3		2
" "	" "	" Fifth Creek "	4	5		
D. N. Paxton P.	Marion + P.	Marion P.	2	1	4	
" "	" + "	Siloam "	2	2	15	
D. D. Pierce P.	Mooresville "	Mooresville "	5	4	6	19
E. L. Veall S.S.	Lenoir "	Lenoir S.S.	2	2	3	2
A. L. Crawford "	Mocksville "	Mocksville "	2		1	
" "	" "	Third Creek "	4	7	1	9
" "	" "	Bethesda S.S.	3	4		2
W. A. Wood M.D.	Statesville "	Statesville P.	9	10	23	5
J. Rumple "	Salisbury "	Salisbury P.	6	7	2	5
Wm. W. Sharp "	Mt. Mourne "	Centre "	9	5	3	2
" "	" "	Bethpleage "	5	4	8	4
A. D. Hepburn D.D. Prof.	Davidson College	Davidson College	5		4	4
T. F. Thurston S.S.	Taylorsville "	Taylorsville S.S.	4	3		
" "	Wilkesboro "	Wilkesboro "	3			
" "	Hickory "	Hickory "	4	4	2	3
M. D. Anderson P.	Morganton "	Morganton P.	3	1	4	2
" "	Newton "	Newton "	3	3		4
J. W. Moldon	Statesville. Cross Hill. S.C.					
J. M. Wharey P.	Harrisburg N.C.	Rocky River	10	7	7	2

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to the Genl. Assembly to meet at Atlanta Ga. May 1882,

ministers, & has under its care 35 Churches, 1 Licentiate

Total of Communicants	Baptized Adults.	Baptized Infants.	No. Baptisms non-Comm.	Children in Sab. Schools	Communicants	Evangelists	Amt. of Sus.	Commissions	Education	Publications	Presbyterial	Pastors Salaries &c	Congregational	Miscellaneous
60			..	30	3	21	2	23		1	3	50	10	
110		8	38	66	2	28	2	9	1			255	18	4
41	1	4	27	18	2				5	2		132		1
51		7	52	30	1	4		1	1					
151		7	80	200	5	45	3	186	8	1	8	850	96	23
57		3	31	50	3	20		75	2		10	305	54	
56		1	20	27	1	12		7		1	2	291	25	5
170		8		75										
90		13		30		2	10	1	3	2	2	250		
211	1	2	98	118	7	105	356	356	7	47	49	1000	180	
177		8	70	161	25	130	5	131	101	10	30	1350	300	30
96		6	96	72	4	49	13	88	13	4		350	14	
165	1	15	100	80	8	16		20				300	8	2
53	1		28	60	30	76	10	180	36	10	11		25	35
69		1	40	74	8	24	6	8	8	6	15	250	70	
26			24		2	9	2	4	2	1	3	185	30	
42			34	78	4	2	3	12	6	2	6	305	62	4
129		14	115	66	13	13	10	60	25	12		600	23	
36		4	16	35	6	4	2	6	5	3	26	200		
290	1	24	235	100	8	33	8	12	19	9	35	876	49	35

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The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Gen'l. Assembly 35 Churches, 1 Licentiate, & 2 Candidates. viz:

Ministers Licentiates & Candidates	Post Offices	Churches.	Elders	Deacons	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate
Jno. McKinnon D.	Concord N.C.	Concord D.	8	6	12	11
Jno. R. Glasgow S.S.	Davidson College "	Bethel S.S.	7	2	3	
J. W. Davis F.M.	Soochow China.					
J. H. Thornwell S.S.	Concord N.C.					
R. W. Boyd D.	Wood Leaf "	Unity D.	5	4	2	2
" "	Salisbury "	Franklin D.	6	5	2	6
P. P. Winn S.S.	Statesville "	Cleo S.S.	3	2	5	3
" "	" "	Shiloh S.S.	2	3		
" "	" "	Salem "	2	1		
Jno. A. Ramsay D.	Mill Bridge "	Thyatira D.	5	5	1	2
" "	" "	Back Creek "	4	3		4
F. P. Havell "	Mooresville "	Prospect "	8	8	10	14
J. N. H. Summerell "	Concord "	Poplar Tent "	6	6	6	3
W. B. Arrowood Ev.	Norwood "	Norwood S.S.	1	1		
"	"	Zion S.S.	3	1		2
Licentiate 1.		Tabor "				
J. C. Kennedy Mr.	Monroe "	Drusilla "				
Candidates 2,						
24	Totals.	35	147	119	124	110

Licensures 1. Ordinations 2. Installations 2. Pastors

Total of Communicants.	Adult Baptized	Infant Baptized	No. S. Schools	Scholars in Sunday School	Home Missions	Evangelistic	Sustentation	For. Missions	Education	Publication	Ministerial Relief	Poor & Colored People	Contributions	Miscellaneous
202		11	150	165	54	135	5	200	79	9	35	1350	152	
68		2		45	17	9	14	20	6	5	10	300		6
150		8	50	50	6	36	11	23	5	9	18	300	8	
146	1	12	90	40	5		6	15	2	8	12	11	266	20
32	1	0	26	16	1	10	1	11	2	1	6	112	3	14
34												75		
23														
145	2	6	120	80	12	26	3	13	4	4		191	34	
75		6	56	35	6	17	6	32	2	10		350	23	
248		15	200	103	5	5	3	19	2	2		400	23	16
159	1	16	112	88	2	21	2	40	4	2	2	631	24	3
7			9		4							180	40	
54		6	40	34	4	4		2	2	1	2	153	261	
33														
13														
3480	10	207	1964	2027	240	354	118	1546	1260	117	290	11636	3894	183

Relation dissolved 1 & one church organized.

Wm. W. Pharr S.C.

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Gen'l. Assembly to be held at Atlanta Ga.

Presbytery consists of 34 Ministers & 5 Licentiates & has under its care 1 Minister

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Special meeting.

Pursuant to the following call, viz:

Mt Mourne
July 12th 1882

At the request of two ministers & two ruling elders of different churches, I do, in the absence of the Moderator, hereby call a special meeting of Concord Presbytery, to be held at Mooresville July 24th inst, 11 o. clock a.m. to arrange for the organization of a church in Miller's Township Alexander Co, & of another at or near Shepherd's Cross Roads in Iredell Co, if the way be clear.

Wm W. Pharr. stated Clk

Concord Presbytery met at the place & time specified & was opened with prayer by Rev J. A. Ramsay, the last Moderator present.

The roll was made out & the following were present:

Ministers – P. D. Pennick. Wm W. Pharr. P. P. Winn. J. A. Ramsay & F. P. Harrell. Ruling Elders – J. W. A. Rev of Centre & R. C. Beaty of Mooresville.

The 1st item was taken up, & a committee appointed, consisting of Revs P. P. Winn, T. R. Thurston, & ruling elders A. C. McIntosh, Prof J. H. Hill & H. C. Summers, to organize a Church in Miller's Township in Alexander Co. if the way be clear.

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The 2nd item was taken up, & Revs P. P. Pennick Wm W Pharr & F. P. Harrell & ruling Elders J. W. A Rev & E. P. Pennick appointed to organize a Church at or near Shepherd's Cross Roads in Iredell Co, wherever, in the judgment of the committee, the way be clear.

Adjourned sine die & Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

William W Pharr. S.C.

Examined & approved except that it has been two years since this book has been before Synod.

L. McKinnon
Moderator.

1882
Sept. 28d

Morganton N.C.

The Presbytery of Concord met in the presbyterian Church Morganton Sept. 23d 1882 at 9½ o'clock A.M. in pursuance of the following call:

"The provisions for calling a special meeting of Presbytery having been complied with, the Presbytery of Concord will meet in the presbyterian Church of Morganton on the 23d day of Sept 1882 at 9½ o'clock A.M. for the purpose of changing the time of the regular Fall meeting from 7½ o'clock P.M. of Sept. 23d to 10 o'clock A.M. of the same day."

W. A. Wood, Mod.

was constituted with prayer. The roll was called & the following ministers & ruling elders were present:

Ministers	Elders
T. P. Johnston	J. K. Goodman
E. E. Rockwell D.D.	E. McNeely
P. J. Pemick	H. P. Helper
W. A. Wood D.D.	W. T. Shum
J. Rumple D.D.	H. C. Hamilton
Wm. W. Pharr	Dr R. G. Beall
R. B. Anderson	R. C. Beatty
T. G. Thurston	E. A. Perkins
G. McKinnon	A. J. Seagle
F. P. Harrell	H. L. Gray
J. N. H. Summerell	J. C. Barnhardt
W. B. Arrowood	J. A. McNeely
	J. C. McKay

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The special item of business was taken up, & the time for the stated Fall meeting changed from Sept 23d 7½ o'clock P.M. to 10 o'clock A.M. of the same day.

Presbytery then adjourned sine die.

Closed with prayer.

Wm. W. Pharr S.C.

In pursuance to the above the Presbytery met in the presbyterian Church Morganton Sept 23d at 10 o'clock A.M. and after a sermon by the retiring Moderator Rev W. A. Wood D.D. from John 17: 20-22, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called - present:

Ministers	Churches	Elders
T. P. Johnston	Back Creek	J. K. Goodman
E. E. Rockwell D.D.	Bethesda	E. McNeely
P. J. Pemick	Concord, Endell	H. T. Burke
E. L. Veal	Davidson College	H. P. Helper
A. J. Crawford	Franklin	W. T. Shum
W. A. Wood D.D.	Hickory	H. C. Hamilton
J. Rumple D.D.	Lenoir	Dr R. G. Beall
Wm. W. Pharr	Mocksville	R. C. Beatty
T. G. Thurston	Morganton	E. A. Perkins
R. B. Anderson D.D.	Newton	A. J. Seagle
G. McKinnon	Prospect	H. L. Gray
F. P. Harrell	Rocky River	J. C. Barnhardt
J. N. H. Summerell	Unity Salem	C. A. Smith
W. B. Arrowood	Salisbury	J. A. McNeely
	Silo Grove	J. C. McKay

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roll continued.

Statesville	Elders.
Unity	J. P. Bradley
Taylorsville	J. Powles
Bethphage	A. A. Hill
	S. M. Furr.

The minutes of the last Stated meeting & of the Special meetings were read & approved.

Mod. Rev W. B. Arrowood was chosen Moderator & Rev B. G. Beall & Col J. C. Barnhardt Temporary Clerks.

Rev G. W. Sikes of Fayetteville Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Satisfactory excuse for absence from the present meeting was read from Rev J. M. Wasey.

Rev J. Rumple D.D. & F. P. Harrell rendered satisfactory excuse for their failure to fulfill their appointments as supplies.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o. clock P.M.

After recess. Satisfactory excuse for absence from the present meeting was received from Rev J. A. Ramsay.

Overture Gen. Assy. A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Gen. Assembly, touching the composition of a Session, was read & referred to the committee on Bills & overtures.

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The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was read & referred to the committee on D. College.

D.C. report.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

1 On Narrative to Synod - Revs R. T. Pierce, W. W. Pharr & Elder R. C. Leventy.

2. Systematic Benevolence - Revs A. L. Crawford F. P. Harrell & Elder J. P. Bradley.

3. Minutes of Gen. Assembly - Revs I. McKinnon J. N. W. Summerell & Elder Dr R. G. Beall.

Mod's Com's. 4. Of Finance - J. D. McNeily, J. C. Barnhardt, & S. M. Furr - ruling elders.

5. Judicial Committee - Revs J. Rumple D.D. T. G. Thurston, & Elder W. C. Hamilton.

6. Bills & Overtures - Revs W. A. Woods D.D. E. F. Rockwell D.D. & R. P. Kerr Telfair.

7 To nominate Trustees for Davidson College - Revs I. McKinnon, R. B. Anderson D.D. & Elder E. McNeely.

8. On devotional exercises - Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. & E. A. Perkins.

Commission appointed. A commission consisting of Revs W. W. Pharr P. D. Pierce, F. P. Harrell & ruling elders R. C. Leventy & C. Johnston, was appointed to arrange or revise the questions for the report on the Narrative from the Churches on the state of religion.

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read & referred to the committee of Finance.

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The subject of co-operation with the Genl. Assembly's Committee, referred to this meeting, was made the 1st order for Monday.

It was made the 2nd order to hear the report of the Committee of Education.

New Salem Organized.

The Committee to organize a church in Miller's Township, Alexander Co. if the way be clear, reported that, on the 30th day of July 1882, they organized a church with 18 members, & one Elder & one Deacon were elected. The said Church was named New Salem. The report was approved & adopted, the name of the church, & the ruling Elder C.A. Smith enrolled & the Committee discharged.

Ruling Elder M. W. Johnston Commissioner to the last Genl. Assembly, made report as to his attendance which was received & his diligence commended.

Leave of absence until Monday morning was granted Revs B. L. Wall & E. F. Rockwell D.D.

Evangelist's report.

The committee of Evangelization of the Eastern field made a verbal report of the work which was followed by a report of the Evangelist Rev W. B. Arnold as to his labors & the progress of the work in that field. The reports were received & the gratification of Presbytery expressed.

The Evangelistic Committee of the Western field made a report through their Chairman J. S. Wall. which was received & recommitted - to formulate suggestions or recommendations.

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The committee on devotional exercises made a report touching religious services, which was rec'd & approved.

Adjourned till 9½ o'clock Monday morning
Closed with prayer by Rev J. Rumple D.D.

Sept 25th

Monday morning 9½ o'clock,
Sept 25th

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.
The minutes of Saturday read & approved.

Revs L. K. Glasgow & J. A. Ramsay appeared & having rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness took their seats.

P.S.N. report. Genl. Assy.

Rev J. A. Ramsay reported his attendance on the Sessions of the Genl. Assembly as Commissioner, which report was received & his diligence commended.

Co-operation postponed.

The 1st order of the day was taken up & the resolution recommending the co-operation of this body with the Genl. Assembly's Committee was fully & ably discussed & indefinitely postponed.

Presbytery then took a recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

After recess, Presbytery met. The 2nd order was disposed. to hear reports from the churches on the state of religion.

Rev P. P. Winn appeared & gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

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Rev J. H. Thornwell rendered satisfactory excuse for absence from the present meeting.

Quarter Meadows & Silver Creek grouped.

It was recommended that Quarter Meadows & Silver Creek be grouped with the Morganton Church, & that the Pastor of the Morganton Church take charge of these fields as soon as a satisfactory arrangement can be made.

Marion & Siloam taken in Evangelistic field.

The committee of Evangelization of the Western field offered the following recommendations which were adopted; viz: That permission be granted the Committee to take Marion & Siloam Churches into their Evangelistic field, & that the Committee of Sustentation be directed to provide for the support of Rev T. N. Paxton (interim) out of the Evangelistic & Sustentation funds.

T. N. Paxton support.

Change in Form of Government amended.

This Presbytery agreed to the suggestion of the Gen. Assembly that the Form of Gov. Chapter V. sec. 3. para. sixth, be amended by adding the words: "But the pastor & one ruling elder may constitute a quorum in cases where there are only two elders."

D. D. Tinsley.

Leave of absence was granted A. A. Hill & O. N. Smith.

The committee to nominate Trustees of Davidson College reported, recommending the re-election

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Systematic Benevolence report.

of Rev Wm. W. Pharr & S. W. Wiley to serve four years.

The committee on Systematic benevolence reported recommending that the Spring report be on this subject be forwarded to the Synod which was adopted.

Concord Sudell arrearages.

The answer of Concord Church (Sudell) to Presbytery touching arrearages due Rev P. P. Winn was referred to a committee consisting of Revs Wm. W. Pharr, J. Rumple & D. & elder H. L. Lentz.

Place & Time of next meetings.

Unity Church was chosen as the place & Wednesday the 18th before the 4th Sabbath of April 1883 11 o'clk a.m. as the time for the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The report of the Treasurer was read & received as information.

Treasurer instructed.

The Treasurer was directed to forward to the Assembly's Committee the sum in his hands for Foreign Missions, together with the names of Contributing Churches, & also that he hereafter do this monthly. Further, the Presbytery directs the Treasurer to cause to be printed in the North Carolina Presbyterian annally, on or before the 15th of April, a full Statement of the amounts received from the different Churches as contributions to the various benevolent causes, together with all disbursements made by him.

Presbytery adjourned till to-morrow Morning 9½ o'clock a.m.

Closed with prayer.

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Tuesday morning 9½ o'clock

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The minutes read & approved.

The A. S. for Sabbath Schools reported, recommending the following, which was adopted:

A. S. of Sab. Schools report. 1. That our ministers & Sessions be urged to organize in all our congregations, Teachers' Meetings, for the study of the International Bible Lessons, & also for the brief Normal Course of instruction in Sacred History, Sacred Geography, Biblical Antiquities, Systematic Theology, &c.

Convention. 2. That a Presbyterial Sabbath School convention be called to assemble at Unity Church on Tuesday before the 4th Sabbath in April 1883 at 11 o'clock a. m. & that this convention be composed of all the members of Presbytery, & Sabbath School superintendents, & Sabbath School teachers.

P. D. Weems, A. S.

The following Narrative on the state of religion within our bounds was read, adopted & ordered to be forwarded to Synod:

Narrative. There comes from all our churches the cheering news that the people love to go to the house of God, we hope, not from motive of curiosity, nor merely from force of habit, but with the desire to be instructed in the truths of the Gospel. Nevertheless, the worship of God in the family is sadly neglected. The fact deserves to be noted that in one of our congregations, most of whose families connected with our Church,

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enjoy the privileges of family worship. It is also pleasing to note that in a few of our congregations a goodly number of young men stately gather together to pray, & are thus learning to pray in the more public worships of God.

In nearly all our congregations, prayer-meetings are held, & our Pastors are encouraged by the numbers who meet together at the house of God, or at private houses for prayer, & with the interest which is manifested in these religious services.

Narrative. While the observance of the Sabbath is reported as almost universally good, it appears that this observance differs more in the abstinence from unnecessary works, than unnecessary thoughts & words about worldly employments & recreations.

The cause of Temperance is on the increase; & it is thought that the late speeches & sermons on the subject have opened the eyes of many to see more clearly the evils arising from the manufacture, sale & use of Ardent Spirits as a beverage.

In all our Established Churches there are Sabbath schools; most of them being in a flourishing condition. There is a general & laudable desire on the part of our Pastors & Sessions to gather all the Children together for the purpose of instruction in the word of God, & to learn & follow the best Methods of imparting gospel truth.

But few of our congregations report a failure to raise collections for all the benevolent causes of our Church, & this failure occurs in a few of our vacant Churches.

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Narration.

In some of our churches the liberality of the people is manifestly on the increase.
While there is no report of any remarkable out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon any of our churches, they seem to be, for the most part, in a healthy, growing state, & in a few instances, the larger number of accessions to the church than usual, & other circumstances indicate that a secret work of grace is going on in the heart of the people.
But while we are thus encouraged to continue our labors for the establishment of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to mourn over the fact that the dearth of Candidates for the Ministry is greater than usual.
There is evidently a loud call for more earnest & importunate prayer for the renewing influences of the Spirit, & that the Lord of the harvest would send forth more laborers into His harvest.

com { P. T. Penick
Wm. P. Chas
R. C. Grier }

Rev T. H. Johnston of Orange Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mod. rule repealed.

The rule requiring the Moderator to be nominated at the previous meeting was rescinded.

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Rev P. T. Penick from the committee of Education offered the following report which was received & the resolutions adopted:

There are at present (two) (2) candidates for the ministry under our care; viz: Mr A. M. White & Mr J. D. Rowe.

Mr White is now in the Senior year at Union Theological Seminary Va. The reports of his diligence & demeanor are very good.

He has received from the Committee since its last report $158. that is $98. to enable him to complete his course in the middle year, & $60 as part of his expenses for the present session. He will need $90 more to enable him to complete his course in the Seminary. We recommend that he be continued as a beneficiary.

6 Education report.

Mr Rowe has made little or no progress in his theology for the last two years, & has, we believe abandoned his purpose of becoming a minister of the gospel.

We recommend that his name be dropped from the roll of Candidates.

He has received no aid from the Committee since the beginning of the year 878. Previous to that time, he had received from this Committee on different occasions $205. It is recommended that he be informed that the Presbytery directs him to refund the amount of money he has rec'd from the Presbytery, as soon as he is able, & that our Treasurer be instructed to use all means to obtain from him either the money or his promissory note.

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State of the Treasury.
Cash on hands- $90
Note on T.J. Felger due Jan. 1st 1883- $283.46.

Resolved that, in view of the pressing need of more ministers of the gospel, & of the present dearth of Candidates for the ministry- Friday before the 1st Sabbath of Dec. next be observed by all our congregations, as a day of fasting & prayer to the Head of the church that He would send forth more laborers into his harvest; & that the pastors & stated supplies of our churches be directed to preach on that day a sermon, specially adapted to parent & young men, on the nature & duty of Entire consecration to God.

Com. { D.F. Penick
Wm. W. Flain
J.R. Blake

Sab. Sch. Pub. report.

The Sab. Sch. of publication offered the following report which was received as information:
$117. has been contributed to the cause of Publication during the year. 8 churches, & among them some of the strongest in the Presbytery, failed to contribute any thing. While 6 more gave the nominal sum of $1. Each. There has been a falling off since the year 1874.

Your Sab. would recommend that some plan be adopted by which funds now in the hands of the Treasurer, or which may hereafter be rec'd may be employed.

R. W. Boyd, A.S.

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Colportage report.

The Committee of Colportage reported, that they have had a Colporteur, Mr R. H. Morrison, employed since May last- that he has met with a moderate degree of success; that up to Aug 22, he had sold 274 Bibles & Testaments, 202 unbound volumes- tracts, Catechisms &c, & 221 bound volumes- that the amount of capital employed exclusive of vehicle & harness is $325, & affords a sufficient stock of books for convenient handling.

Com. { R. W. Boyd
J. A. Ramsay

Change of Com. R.W.B- J.A.R. & P.

Rev R. W. Boyd was, at his request, relieved of his position as A.S.T. of Publication & Chairman of the committee of Colportage. Whereupon Rev J. A. Ramsay was appointed A.S.T. of Publication & Chairman of committee of Colportage in his stead. Rev E.P. Harrell was added to the committee & the name of C.D. Davis substituted on the Committee for the name of D.F. & J.R. Blake.

Concord, Indebtedness arrearages report. & com.

The Committee appointed to consider & report upon the claim of Rev. D.P. Winn for services & arrearages of salary from Concord Church report that, after a conference with Mr Winn & the elders from Concord Church, they have ascertained that the arrearage of salary for his services as Pastor is in process of collection, & will probably be paid in a short time.

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We recommend that Presbytery enjoin the liquedation of this claim as soon as possible. In regard to the remuneration claimed for services for three months preceding the operation of the Call, your committee find that Mr Winn served the Congregation about two months, & received about five or six dollars for services. His claim is for $36. still due for that term.

Your committee is clearly of the opinion that this claim is just & should be paid, although there appears to have been no special contract between Mr Winn & the Session or Congregation.

Com. { Wm. W. Ham
J. Rumple
R. C. Beaty

The above report was received & adopted.

Minutes of Gen. Assy. report of Com.

The committee on the minutes of the Gen. Assembly presented the following report which was received, amended & adopted;

1. On page 570 the notice of the marriage question. As to this, your committee would recommend the following action; That Presbytery of Concord would respectfully ask that the change be made.

2. On page 574 There is the matter of the Historical Society.

Your committee would recommend that the Stated Clerk of Presbytery

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be instructed to forward to said Society, any records which it may be important to preserve, such as biographical sketches, original documents &c.

3. On page 547 there is the matter of Christian Benevolence.

Your Committee would recommend that all our ministers be instructed to preach on this general subject before the next meeting of the Gen. Assembly.

In addition to the above we would call the attention of Presbytery to the following matters sent down from the Assembly for information;

On page 573. Overture 21. Campbellite Baptism is recognized.

On page 533. Presbyterial reports.

On page 568, the dimission of Elder & Deacon

On page 552. the Sabbath observance.

Com. { D. McKinnon
J. N. H. Summerell
R. L. Beall

Institutation Com. instructed.

The Institution Committee was directed to provide temporary supplies for our Western evangelistic field.

The Judicial Committee reported, that no business had come into their hands & were discharged.

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The Stated Clerk presented a statistical report which was received & ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

The usual thanks of Presbytery were offered to citizens of Morganton for their hospitality; to the Methodist & Baptist Churches for the use of their churches & to R.R.s for reduced fare.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Asheville during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk

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Adjourned meeting.

Concord Presbytery met at the call of the moderator ~~in~~ Asheville sept 29th and was opened with prayer by Moderator W.B. Arrowood.

At the roll call, the following were present;

Ministers- W.B. Arrowood, J.McK Rumple, J. Rumple D.D. R.B. Anderson D.D, A.D. Crawford, J.N.H. Summerell, J.M. Wharey, P.T. Penick, M.A. Wood D.D. J.R. Glasgow, F.P. Harrell, E.F. Rockwell D.D. T.P. Johnston & J.A. Ramsay.

Ruling elders- J.K. Goodman, H.P. Belfer, J.C. Barnhardt, E.W. Faucette & A.J. Sayle.

The Substitution Committee recommended the following supplies for the McDowell & Burke County Mission fields, which was adopted.

For Silvam & Old Fort-

1st Sabbath in Oct. Rev P.T. Penick.
3d Sab. " " " Rev M.A. Wood D.D.
Supplies 1st " " " Nov. Rev Wm W Pharr
3d " " " " Rev J. Rumple D.D.
1st " " " Dec. Rev R.B. Anderson D.D.
3d " " " " Rev B.L. Beall.

For Marion & Turkey Cove-

2nd Sabbath in Oct- Rev W.A. Wood D.D.
4th " " " Rev F.P. Harrell
2nd " " Nov- Rev P.T. Penick
4th " " " Rev J. Rumple D.D.
2nd " " Dec- Rev J.N.H. Summerell
4th " " " Rev J.M. Wharey.

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Rev J. A. Ramsay - to preach in Salisbury Nov. 3d Sabbath. Rev R. D. Winn - Statesville 2nd Sab. Oct. Rev R. E. Anderson M.D. to preach at Silver Creek on the afternoons of each 2nd Sab. of Oct. Nov. & Dec. and at Quakers Meadows on the afternoon of each 4th Sabbaths of the same months.

J. Rumple, Clerk

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolutions - Presbytery - Mecklenburg pres.

1. Resolved that, until our Evangelistic committee for our Western field is able to permanently supply Pleasant with preaching, this Presbytery will gladly allow the Presbytery of Mecklenburg to supply that church with occasional preaching.

Newton - grouped.

2. That it is desireable that the church of Newton be grouped with the Western Evangelistic field, & hope that the church & its stated supply will consent to such an arrangement.

A. W. White

3d. That whenever the way shall be clear to license our Candidate A. W. White, he shall be directed to labor the first six months under the direction of the Evangelistic Com. & that that Committee provide for his support for that length of time, & that the Stated Clerk inform him immediately of this action. - & that the money in our Treasury for Education not needed for the support

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of our Candidates, be, by the order of the Committee of Education transmitted to the Assembly's Committee of Education.

J. H. Thommell dismissed.

Rev J. H. Thommell was dismissed at his own request, to Bethel Presbytery S.C.

Blowing Rock, appeal.

An appeal for building a church at Blowing Rock was read & the whole matter referred to the Sustentation Committee.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Unity Church (Rowan) on Wednesday the 18th day of April 1883 at 11. o'clock A.M.

Closed with prayer.

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk

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Unity Church. N.C.

The Presbytery of Concord met at Unity Church April 18th 1883. 11 o'clock a. m. & was opened with a sermon by Rev W. B. Arrowood from 2 Pet. 11:30 who. after sermon, constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called & the following present; Ministers- W. B. Arrowood. R. B. Anderson & R. W. Boyd. A. L. Crawford. L. H. Glasgow. L. McC. Kinnon. J. T. Junior. W. H. Ham J. A. Ramsay. E. F. Rockwell D.D. J. A. Summerell. T. G. Thurston. P. D. Winn. W. A. Wood D.D.

Roll.

Ruling elders	-	Churches represented
Moses Temple	-	Back Creek
W. G. Dunlap	-	Bethany.
R. J. W. Knox		Bethel.
C. W. B. Goodnight	-	Bethphage
M. A. Alexander	-	Centre
D. C. Somers	-	Concord, 2nd,
C. H. White	-	Concord, Town,
D. P. Helper	-	Davidson College
Dr J. M. B. Adams		Fesitte Creek
W. A. Thomason	-	Franklin
J. S. Wall	-	Hickory
Dr M. D. Beall	-	Junior
M. Sterling	-	Mocksville
A. Veazey	-	Mooresville
E. A. Perkins	-	Mozenton.

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Thoms. Robinson - Poplar Tent.
Rev W. Morrison - Poplar Tent,
C.P. Davis - Salisbury
S.W. Stimson - Statesville
C.M. Stimson - Taylorsville
J.H. Johnston - Third Creek
N.F. Wall - Thyatira.
E. Price - Unity
N.G. White - Zion.

Rev J.N.W. Summerell was chosen Mod. & Rev J.A. Ramsay & N. Sprague temp. clerks.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour.

After recess -

Presbytery met - The minutes of last stated meeting were read & approved,

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Narrative to Gen. Assembly - Revs H.C. McPherson, J.G. Thurston & R.A. Alexander, R.E.

Evangelistic work: Revs W.A. Wood & W.B. Arrowood & J.F. Wall, R.E.

Systematic Benevolence: Rev D.E. Glass & ruling elder A. Sprague & J.H. Johnston

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On the Minutes of Synod: Rev F.D. Reuick & ruling elder S.W. Stimson & E.A. Perkins.

Finance: ruling elders E.M. Stevenson, R.G. Beall & C.R. White,

On Report & Records of the Committee of Home Missions - Rev J.G. Thurston & N.F. Wall.

Coms. Judicial Committee - Revs R.B. Anderson & D.P. Winn & T.H. Robinson, R.E.

Bills & Overtures - Revs E.F. Rockwell F.D. Reuick & E. Sterling.

Devotional Exercises - Rev R.W. Boyd & E. Price, R.E

On Sessional Records - Rev A.G. Crawford, Moses Temple & W.G. Shirley to examine the records of Bethel, Bethesda Bethphage, Centre, Elon, Concord (Unity) Concord, Davie, Davidson College Olivella, Fifth Creek, Franklin Hickory, Lenoir, Norwood, Taylorsville Third Creek, Thyatira Unity,

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Rev W.B. Arrowood & W.A. Thompson & R.C. Downes ruling elders to examine Back Creek, Bethany, Marion, Mocksville, Moorsville, Morganton, Newton, Poplar Tent, Prospect, Rocky River, Old Salem, New Salem, Salisbury, Shiloh, Siloam, Statesville, Tabor, Wilkesboro, Zion.

The commission to revise the questions for the narratives from the Churches, reported the duty performed,

Correspondg ministers.

Rev L.A. Oglesby of the M.E. Church was invited to sit as a visiting member, & Rev. G.A. Monroe of the Presbytery of Mississippi was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr C.A. Davis, Presbyterial Treasurer, made a report which, was accepted & referred, together with his book, to the committee on Finance & said committee was directed to suggest a salary for the Treasurer.

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Rev J.M. Wheeler & ruling elder T.F. Robinson were chosen as principal

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commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly & Rev T.G. Thurston & ruling elder A. Frazer as their alternates.

Place & time of next meeting.

Norwood church was chosen as the place & Wednesday Sept. 12th at 7 o'clock P.M. as the time for the next regular meeting of this body,

The committee on devotional exercises made a report which was received & approved.

A request for the services of Rev E.F. Rockwell D.D. as stated supply, was read from Concord Church, Iredell, & put on the docket.

A paper on Presbyterial Oversight was read & its consideration made the first order tomorrow evening,

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock

Closed with prayer by Rev G.A. Monroe.

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Thursday morning 9. o'clock Presbytery met & was opened with prayer by Rev P. E. Penick. Roll was called & minutes read & approved.

Mr J. R. B. Adams. elder from Fifth Creek appeared & his name enrolled.

Petitions from Zion church for the services of Rev J. M. Blakey & also from Fifth Creek for the services of Rev Thos. were presented & placed on the docket.

W. P. Helper ruling elder from Davidson College appeared & his name was enrolled.

An Overture from Mr R. G. Beall ruling elder. was presented & read & referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

A request from Third Creek church was read, asking for the services, as Stated supply, of Rev Thos & put on the docket.

Rev W. N. Wood did from the Com. of Evangelistic work in the Western field made the following Report, which was received & approved:

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Evangelistic Report Western field.

The committee report- 1st That since the last meeting of Presbytery they have employed Rev C. A. Monroe as Evangelist at a Salary of $800.

2nd That he entered on his work the first week of Nov.

3. His stated places of preaching have been Old Fort. Siloam. Marion & Turkey Cove.

4. He has baptized 2 children & received into the church two on certificate & 10 on examination.

5. The committee suggest that Mr Monroe's field shall embrace Old Fort. Siloam. Marion. Melrusilla & other points adjacent. if they may be clear.

6. That Mr White now in the Seminary, as soon as his course be completed, be assigned to Turkey Cove. Batesville. & Burnsville. at a Salary of $600. per annum. & in case any contingency should arise to prevent the Service of Mr White. the Committee will take immediate steps to occupy the field indicated.

7 That these changes be effected as soon as a second Evangelist is employed.

8. That Mr Monroe is instructed to organize a church at Old Fort & also to complete the organization at Melrusilla as soon as they may be clear.

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9th That Quaker Meadows & Silver Creek be provided for in connection with the Morganton Church.

The Committee further report that Quaker Meadows & Silver Creek have been supplied by the pastor of Morganton Church; for which he has been paid $100. up to the 1st of June.

Com. { W. A. Wood, P. P. Winn, A. Seagle, D. T. Penick & J. G. Hall.

In connection with the foregoing Reports, the following financial report of receipts & disbursements, was read by J. G. Hall Treasurer of the committee & received & approved:

Evangelistic Treasurer's Report.

The sum total of assessments is as follows:

Assessment of the Churches 1881 & 1882 -	$805.00
" " " " 1883 -	840.00
	1645.00
Less amount unpaid by the Churches -	798
Amount received from Churches on assessment	$846.00
" " " of O. D. Davis from sund. Fund -	37.35
" " " of the field of Quaker Meadows -	15.00
" " " of Silver Creek	31.50
" " " of Marion -	11.25
" " " of Silvania	35.65
	949.00

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Amount received of Mooresville Church above her assessment -	$32.25
" " " of Davidson College	9.00
Total receipts -	988.85

Evangelistic Treasurer's Report.

Paid Evangelist to April 1st 1882	$189.50
" " to May 1882 -	400.00
" Rev R. B. Anderson -	100.00
" Rev J. & W. Thornwell (Ex)	17.50
Traveling Expenses of Committee -	40.65
Printing, Stationary & Postage -	6.08
	751.73
Cash on hand -	$237.12

It is the opinion of the Committee that - after putting another Evangelist in the field, it will require a sum, up to April 1st 1884 of possibly not less than $150.00

Of this amount they have on hand	238.12,
Due from the churches -	798.55
The field will pay -	350.00
Making -	1385.67

J. G. Hall, Treasurer.

Rev J. M. Harvey appeared in Presbytery & rendered excuse for tardiness.

Revs J. Rumple & F. P. Harrell appeared & rendered excuse for tardiness.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour

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After recess Presbytery met & proceeded to take up the order of the day viz:
The paper on Presbyterial Oversight, which, after discussion, was amended, & adopted as follows:

Committee of Oversight.

Presbyterial Oversight (1.)

Inasmuch as the constitution of the Church requires the Presbytery to take special oversight of the vacant churches - to concert measures for the enlargement of the church within its bounds - in general, to order whatever pertains to the welfare of the churches under its care - to require ministers to devote themselves diligently to their sacred calling. (Form. Gov. Ch. V. sec. iv. & VI.)
- and inasmuch as the extra-constitutional relation of Stated Supply is liable to abuse, if left unregulated - and inasmuch as in the brief semi-annual sessions of Presbytery there is danger of overlooking these important matters as well as others because it is made the special duty of no one to attend to them, therefore:
Resolved. That the Presbytery of Concord regards it as both constitutional & expedient to appoint a Committee of Oversight, to attend to these matters & that such a committee be now appointed with the following regulations:

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I. A committee of Oversight consisting of three ministers & two ruling elders shall be appointed at each Spring meeting of Presbytery, three of whom shall constitute a quorum.

II. This committee shall meet immediately after its appointment & organize by choosing a chairman & secretary, & appointing necessary sub-committees.

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III. The committee shall meet once a month, & shall keep a record & submit the same to Presbytery at each regular meeting. It shall also present, at the same time a "Classified abstract" of its proceedings.

IV. The committee shall care for the vacant churches, furnish them supplies, help them to procure ministers & support them, & see that collections are made for our approved Church causes.

V. No church shall employ a Stated supply, nor any minister engage as such, without the consent of Presbytery first obtained, or consent of the Committee of Oversight, in the interim.

VI. This committee shall group the churches into convenient charges, & when approved by Presbytery said groups will not be broken for mere

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temporary convenience.

VII. The Committee shall consider & report upon ministerial support, endeavoring by proper means to secure adequate and punctual support to each minister & report all delinquencies to Presbytery.

VIII. The committee shall endeavor to prevent ministers from engaging in engrossing secular occupations, by securing for them when possible - sustaining fields of labor. They shall report to Presbytery all ministers & churches refusing to comply with suitable arrangements for labor & remuneration.

IX. This Committee shall also search out suitable points for occasional services, on Sabbaths evenings or other times - to be supplied by neighboring ministers.

X. In the discharge of its duties, this Committee has the right to visit, by agent or sub-committee any of our ministers or churches to obtain important information, or give counsel.

XI. This committee may consider & report upon any matter relating to the progress, order, or purity of the churches, but shall not possess any judicial functions.

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XII. Just after the appointment of this Committee and at each Spring Presbytery, the stated Clerk shall read this paper to Presbytery.

Revs E. F. Rockwell, J. M. Wheaton & A. Deacon ruling elder were appointed to nominate the committee on Presbyterial visitation.

The Committee on devotional exercises made report which was accepted.

Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.
Closed with prayer by Rev A. E. Crawford

Friday morning 9 o'clock
April 20th.

April 20th. Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Roll was called & minutes read & approved.

Leave of absence was granted Rev J. B. Adams.

Sessional Records report. The Committee on Sessional Records made a report which was amended & adopted as follows: The records of Unity, Dunbar, Bethesda, Hickory, Concord, Town, Centre, Smithfield, Franklin, Hamilton, Lobby, Fayetteville, Norwood, approved without exception.

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and Concord, Endell, Taylorsville, Third Creek - approved with exceptions, Marion, Siloam, Morganton, Prospect Bark Creek, Poplar Tent, with exceptions, Old Salem, New Salem, Shiloh, Tabor, Mooresville, Statesville, Zion, Mocksville Wilkesboro, Bethany, Newton, without exceptions.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence offered a report which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

The committee appointed to nominate a committee on Presbyterial Oversights made a report which was amended & adopted as follows: The committee on Presbyterial Oversights to serve until next Spring Session, shall consist of Rev R. B. Anderson D.D., Rev R. W. Boyd & Rev D. P. Winn, & ruling elders A. Berger & J. W. Hill.

Comm. on Presbyterial Oversights.

All requests for stated supplies were ordered to be put into the hands of the committee of Presbyterial Oversights.

The committee of Home Missions made a report which was received & put in the hands of a special committee, together with the books of the committee for examination & report.

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The committee on the minutes of Synod made the following report which was received & approved:-

The committee on the minutes of Synod have nothing to report for the adoption of Presbytery, & do only call the attention to the following resolutions passed by the Synod on page 320.

Minutes of Synod Report.

Resolved that the ministers & sessions of those churches which have not contributed to the Committee of Publication are hereby affectionately admonished of their duty, & urged to remove at once the reproach of delinquency that rests upon so large a proportion of the churches of this venerable Synod.

On page 321:

Resolved that our Presbyteries be requested to carry out the recommendation of our last Assembly to devote one evening, or such hour as may be convenient, to the general discussion of the subject of Home Missions during every Fall Session.

On page 322:

Resolved that we call the serious attention of each of our churches Presbyteries at their next sessions to the important points already enumerated; & affectionately urge upon them the necessity of adopting & carrying out promptly, such plans as in their judgment are best calculated to excite to more earnest & successful efforts to gather the children & youth into our Sab. Schools

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The committee on Bills & Overtures reported on the Overture from Rev E. L. Ball concerning congregational meetings, which report, as amended & adopted, was as follows:-

Overture touching Congregational meeting

Amended

1. Has a congregation, whether called together by the Session or otherwise, the right to organize with a chairman & Secretary of its own election, & when so organized to call on the Clerks of Session, the Treasurer of the deacons, & superintendent of Sabbath School for reports, to appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, or to receive, approve, or reject these reports, or perform any other act of legislation?

Answer. No congregation has a right to meet except when called by the Session for a constitutional object.

The Government of the presbyterian Church is representative Republicanism & not pure democracy - The church is governed by presbyters "called & qualified by Christ" & elected by the people. Therefore a mere congregational meeting has no right to call on the officers of the church for reports or to legislate in any manner - because Chap. V. Sec 3. par 5th conveys to the Session the right to do these very things. See Chap 2. sec. 3. par 1. 2. 4. 5.) Nevertheless it is not unconstitutional for the elders & deacons, at their discretion to read,

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for information, annual reports to the congregation, concerning the financial & other affairs of the church. Nor is it improper for a congregational meeting, called by the session, to deliberate & advise concerning such secular affairs as Building & repairing Churches, lecture rooms, school houses, & matters of that general nature.

2. Has the congregation the power to elect a Stated supply in the same manner as provided for electing a pastor?

Answer- The Stated supply is unknown to our government- The people have a right to elect only pastors, Elders & Deacons. Chap 2. sec. 3. par. limits the power of the people when acting per se, to the election of officers. Pars 2, 4, 5th of Chap 2, also Chap 5. par 1. teach that the government of the church is by courts or by officers appointed thereunto in his word.

3. Has a Session when a church is vacant, acting with due regard to the edification of the people the right to employ a Stated supply with the consent of Presbytery?

Answer- The power to secure a supply for the pulpit of a vacant church is clearly in the Session. They ought of course, to show due courtesy & prudence by studying the edification of the people- See Form. Gov. Chap 5th sec 3. Art 5th

Com { E. D. Rockwell
P. E. Benicia
R. Sterling

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Presbytery took a recess until 1½ o. clock P. M.

After recess Presbytery met. Leave of absence was granted Rob. Knox. Dunlap. E. X. Preston & R. L. Ball Ruling elders & Rev L. T. Glasgow

Rev J. M. Wharey from the Eastern Evangelistic Committee made the following report which was received & approved:

Evangelistic Report. Eastern Field

The Eastern Evangelistic committee reports to Presbytery that, by the blessing of God they have been enabled to continue their work with increasing success. The work in Stanly Co, has so grown, that we have felt constrained to give the whole time of our Evangelist to that field. We have been very much gratified by the increasing support given him in that County; & from present indications, have reason to hope that in a few years, it will be a self-supporting field.

We are happy to report that the salary of our Evangelist has been fully paid up to the 1st Jan 1883.

com { J. M. Wharey
T. McJunkin
M. W. Johnston

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The committee on the narrative made a report which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

Narratives Report.

The same committee reported on the narratives from the churches. The report was received & it was ordered that the exceptions be noted on the narratives to which they were taken respectively & that they be returned to the Sessions.

The committee on Sabbath Schools made a report which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

Adjourned Meeting Salisbury.

It was ordered that when this Presbytery adjourn it adjourn to meet in the Presbyterian church of Salisbury on Tuesday, May 8th at 8 o'clock P. M.

The committee on Finance made the following report which was received & adopted:-

Com. of Finance Report on Treasurer's Book.

Your committee would report that they have examined the Treasurer's Report & Books. We find the vouchers to correspond with the charges for disbursements made in his accounts. We find his accounts neatly & correctly kept, & the balances reported him correctly stated.

Your committee would recommend that, to compensate the Treasurer for his

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services & defray the necessary expenses of stationary, postage & exchange in the discharge of the duties of his office, that he be allowed an annual salary of fifty dollars. to commence the present ecclesiastical year.

Salary of Treasurer $50.

E. M. Stevenson
com. { F. G. Bissell
C. A. White

For. Mission Report.

Rev T. G. Thurston A.M. Foreign Missions made a report which was received & approved; The report shows that 30 of our churches have contributed $17.40, to this cause, an increase of contributions over last year of $1.94.

Evangelistic Report to Genl. Assy.

Rev W. A. Wood A.M. from the committee on Evangelistic work, made the following report, which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly;
The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully report to the Genl. Assembly to meet at Lexington Ky. That we have two regular Evangelists in the field, one in the Eastern & the other in the western part of the Presbytery. Besides, a number of our ministers are doing evangelistic work in connection with their regular pastorates.
Our churches have raised $160.00. for this work from which the

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Evangelistic Salaries have been fully paid. The great Head of the church has set his seal of approbation on the labors of the brethren in the encouraging degree of success with which He has crowned their labors, in adding members to the church, & in opening encouraging fields of labor to be occupied; so that the outlook for evangelistic work in our Presbytery is brighter than for many years past.

com { W. A. Wood
W. B. Arrowood

Treasurer ordered.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay over to Old Fort church as much of a balance of the general evangelistic funds in his hands, as may be necessary to liquidate the debt on said church. And if there be any balance that it be paid over to the Treasurer of the Western Evangelistic Committee.

Dis. Com.

The committee to examine the report & count of the Destitution Committee reported that they had performed that duty & recommended that they be approved & the report adopted.
Rev J. Rumple A.M. & ruling elder J. M. Horah & C. M. Davis were re-appointed to serve for 12 months.

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The Judicial committee reported no business in their hands & were discharged.

A. L. Crawford dismissed to Orange Presbytery.

Rev A. L. Crawford was dismissed at his own request to connect himself with the Orange Presbytery.

Report of com. of Presbyterial Oversight

The committee on Presbyterial oversight reported that they met & organized by the election of Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. as Chairman & J. R. Hill as Secretary, - that application from Fifth Creek & Third Creek jointly for permission to employ Rev W. F. Thom of Orange Presbytery as stated supply for the remainder of the year, at the rate of $600 per annum, - That application was made to employ Rev J. M. Wheaty as stated supply of Zion Church for the year 1883, to preach two sabbaths afternoons each month, - that application was made from Mocksville church for the ministerial services, as stated supply, of Rev A. L. Crawford for the remainder of the year, one half his time at a salary of $225. per year: that application from Concord Church, Iredell, for the services of Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D. as stated supply for one half his time, for the remainder of the year, at a salary of $160 for that time

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was made; that joint applications were made for the services of Rev R. A. Minn, as stated supply, from Bethesda church promising a salary of $300 per annum, for one half his time, from Clio church for one fourth his time at $150. per annum; from New Salem for preaching once a month at a salary of $75 per annum.

The committee recommend that these applications all be granted, & that Mr Minn is directed to preach the afternoons of the first Salem Sabbaths & also on Fifth Sabbaths at Shiloh, & the people of Shiloh are expected to pay $75 for his services. Rev Mr Boyd is appointed to visit Shiloh the 4th Sabbath of May & explain the arrangement to the people.

The committee further reported that applications from Hickory church & also from Millersburg for the services, as stated supply, of Rev J. F. Thurston for the remainder of this year, were made. They recommend that the application from Hickory be granted. The application from Millersburg is held under advisement till the next meeting of the committee.

The committee further reported that Rev R. B. Anderson was appointed to visit the Churches of Lenoir, Hickory & Millersburg, before the next meeting of the committee

The report of the committee was received & adopted.

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The Stated Clerk was directed to write a letter of sympathy to Rev T. N. Paxton in his affliction.

A Resolution of thanks was tendered to the Pastor & people of Unity Church for their kindness & hospitality to the members of this body.

The minutes were read & approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian church Salisbury on May the 8th at 8 o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk

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The financial part of the Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer reports that the balances are in his hands to the credit of the following causes -

Commissioner's Fund -	$ 115.86
Invalid Fund -	46.45
Publication -	369.59
Sustentation -	87.85
Evangelistic Fund -	49.10
Waldensas -	3.04
Total -	571.89

Received on the note of Mr E. J. Feltzer about the first of the year $100. leaving $183.48. still due.

Has notes of Mr J. D. Rowe - Common candidate for the amounts advanced him by the Presbytery, but the notes do not mature for some time.

O. H. Davis Treasurer

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Narrative to Genl. Assembly to met at Lexington Ky.

After a careful examination of the Reports from the Churches under our care; we would respectfully submit to the Genl. Assembly the following facts on the general topics sent to us for information:

1. The official fidelity of ministers, ruling elders & deacons, on the main, is to be commended.
2. The attendance on the services held in most of our churches is encouraging, but we regret to say that there has been no special outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Churches during the year.
3. We believe that there is no special prevalence of the sins of intemperance & the grosser forms of worldly amusements.
4. Our young people are instructed in the Catechisms & other standards of our Church, but we do not believe that the matter of family prayer is so marked as in former years.
5. As to Sab. Observance, we think it far below the scriptural standard.
6. All our churches are supplied with preaching & there are signs in some of them of encouraging liberality.
7. In any part of our Ch. is there any systematic labor among the colored people. They generally have Organizations of their own.

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Systematic Benevolence.

Report of Concord Presbytery to the Genl. Assembly for the year ending April 1883.

Objects	No. of contributing chs.	Amounts
Sustentation	22	$395.00
Evangelistic	27	962.00
Juvenile Fund	25	158.00
For. Missions	30	1914.00
Education	28	1272.00
Publication	24	126.00
Presbyterial	23	364.00
Destitute Ch.	13	48.00
Pastors Aid.	29	12404.00
Congregational	26	4593 00
Miscellaneous	14	342.00
Total.		

Remarks: 16 churches have contributed to six of the objects of benevolence ordered by the Genl. Assembly; 10 to 5 of them; 16 to 4 of them; 2 to 2 of them; 7 have contributed to all the seven objects ordered by the Assembly.

Wm H. Thum S. C.

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Sabbath School Report.

Names of Schools	No. on roll.		Ave. attendance		Increase		Decrease	
	T.	S.	T.	S.	T.	S.	T.	S.
Back Creek	6	45	5	40				
Bethany	6	30	4	20				
Bethsaida	6	58	6	40				
Birthplace	7	80	4	60		10		
Centre	7	90	5	40				
Clio	2	20	2	18				
Concord, Dudley	6	48	4	25-			2	21
Concord, Towns	27	170	20	115-	1	5-		
Davidson College	15	77	13	60	2	10		
Fifth Creek	8	72	7	60	2	13		
Franklin	8	63	7	40				
Hickory	10	76	9	55-		7		
Lenoir	8	48	7	21				
Marion	7	18	4	12	3	5-		
Mocksville	5	30	5	25-		1		
Mooresville	17	220	16	130	2	30		
Morganton	11	72	9	57				
Newton	7	45-	6	40	3	10		
Norwood	4	39	3	16				
Poplar Tent	7	89	6	30				
Prospect	12	94	8	50	3		9	
Rocky River	14-	101	9	75-			6	
Salisbury	23	165-	17	115-	3	4		
Shiloh.	no report.							
Siloam	8	60	8	40				
Statesville	18	130	14	84		10		
Taylorsville	8	75-	7	60	1			
Third Creek	10	80	8	80				
Thyatira	6	81	6	60				
Trinity	8	100	8	65-				
Zion, Ostel	6	32	4	25-		4		
	309	2053	181	1661	17	69		

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No. added by Church.	Amts. contributed for Sunday school	Amounts contributed for missionary purposes.
Baptism	$	$ s- d.
	3.25-	
7		
2	15.00	5.00
	3.75-	18.00
5	80.00	
	17.37	43.47.
	9.00	
	43.24	13.31.
	2.32	19.25-
	1.00	
	2.50	
8		88.80
	35.00	23.87.
2	7.00	
	3.30.	
3	20.40	12.00
10	11.60	4 64
3	14.00	
5-	73.00	85.00
5-		
8-	60.71	84 00
	60.71	84 00
4	8.00	3.15-
		8.25
4		
1		
1	41.25-	
62	407	424.01

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The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Genl. Assy under its care 1 Licentiate & 1 Candidate viz;

Ministers Licentiates & Candidates	Post Office	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Examination
T. P. Johnston	Supernumerary	Paris Spring, Va.			
E. F. Rockwell, D.D. S.S.	Cool Spring N.C.	Bethany S.S.	6	2	1
" "	New Sterling "	Concord, Endell, "	6	3	
T. N. Paxton	Supernumerary	Marion "			
H. D. Pence	"	Mooresville "	Mooresville "	5	4	7
B. L. Beall S.S.	"	Lenoir "	Lenoir S.S.	2	2	3
W. A. Woodside	"	Statesville "	Statesville "	9	9	3
J. Rumple D.D.	"	Salisbury "	Salisbury "	6	7	8
Wm. W. Pharr	"	Mt. Mourne "	Centre "	6	5	3
" "	"	Mill Hill "	Bethphage "	5	5	9
A. D. Hepburn D.D. Pres. U.	"	Davidson College	Davidson College "	5		3
D. I. Thurston	"	Taylorsville "	Taylorsville "	4	3	4
" "	"	Hickory "	Hickory "	5	5	
" "	"	Wilkesboro "	Wilkesboro "	3		
H. B. Anderson D.D.	"	Morganton "	Morganton "	3	1	6
" "	"	Newton "	Newton S.S.	3	3	6
J. M. Wharey	"	Harrisburg "	Rocky River "	10	8	8
L. McKinnon	"	Concord "	Concord, Zion "	7	6	8
L. H. Glasgow	"	Davidson College	Bethel "	7	2	3
J. W. Davis	F. M.	Soochow China.				
R. W. Boyd	"	Wood Seep S.S.	Unity "	6	4	1
"	"	Salisbury "	Franklin "	5	4	

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that it comprises 21 ministers 37 Churches & has

Names of Churches	Whole No.	Added by Baptism	Baptized Infants	Baptized Adults	Deacons in Sab. School	Scholars in Sab. School	Instruction	Communicants	Added by Certificate	Removals	Dismissed	Education	Publication	Contributions Church	Foreign	Pastor's Salaries Paid	Pastor's Salaries compensation	Dwellings
1	81		2	50	6	30	14	4		7	2	2	2			112	25	
	223		4		6	45				4				1			32	8
8	168		5	75	17	220	6	62	3	27	5	1		14		850	20	39
2	54			30	8	48	3	20	3	69	4			39		276	30	
15	220		3	104	18	130	70	50	6	320	8	7		35		1018	64	
6	187	2	3	70	23	165	109	120	5	135	575	10		30		1300	291	25
8	105		3	107	7	70	6	29	7	80	13	6	5	12		350	31	
4	170		8	150	7	65	4	15		17	3	5		8		300	14	
4	60		1	35	15	77	20	121	20	233	16	10	13	11		70	29	26
	72	2		40	8	95	5	29	5	18	5	5		9		250	21	10
1	36		2	39	11	96	4	16	3	12	4	9	1	9		375	24	
	29		5	29			3	9	2	3	1	1		3		175	36	
5	130	1	5	95	11	72	12	45	20	100	18	16	5	12		600	392	9
4	47	1	1	16	7	45	5	1	1	1	1	1		27		200	1	1
2	265	1	16	235	124	101	4	66	13	140	14	11		35		1165	106	65
3	207	2	9	150	27	170	82	132	5	153	21	12		30		1350	237	
	95		4					22	6	40	5	1	4	8		230	6	10
1	150		7	60	8	100	8	14	7	47	1	8	4	14		300		
2	138		6	101	8	63	5	10	8	34	4	3	1	23		300		

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Presbyterial report of Concord Presbytery

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Genl Assembly that it comprises 21 Ministers. 37 Churches & has under its care / 5 Licentiates & / 1 Candidate:

Ministers Licentiates & Candidates	Post Offis	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Exam.
R. P. Wenn S.S.	Statesville	Clio S.S.	3	2	
" "		Old Salem "			
" "		New Salem "	2	2	
" "		Bethesda "	3	4	
" "		Shiloh "	2	3	
J. A. Ramsay "	Mill Bridge	Thyatira "	5	6	4
" "	" " "	Back Creek "	4	3	2
F. P. Harrell "	Mooresville	Prospect "	8	9	17
J. N. H. Summerell "	Concord "	Poplar Tent "	6	6	8
W. B. Arrowood Ev.	Norwood "	Norwood Ev.	1	1	3
		Salem "			
		Prusilla "			
	Mocksville	Mocksville "	2		
		Third Creek "	3	6	
		Fifth Creek "	3	2	
		Marion Ev.	2	3	
		Siloam "	3	3	8
		Zion "	4	1	1
		37.	54	124	115

Total 21
Licentiates 1. J. C. Kennedy Mt. Mourne N.C.
Candidate 1.
Church organized, one.

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To the Genl. Assembly to meet at Lexington May.

Names on Statistics	Whole No.	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Non-Comm.	Families in Congl.	Individuals in Congl.	Institutions	Communicants	Parochial Schools	Sunday Schools	Education	Publication	Sustentation	Pastoral	Total Salaries paid	Contributions	Miscellaneous
	32				2	20				18							
	23																
12	29			33						2					52		
3	90		5		6	40		13		7				10	250	3.	
	34																
	144		5	130	6	71	10		3	23	5	5			296	19	10
2	78		6	60	6	45	8	10	3	19	5	3		17	375		
5	255	2	26	200	12	108	3		5	39	5	2	2		460	24	5-24
2	167	1	13	122	7	89	2	31	3	30	5	2	1	5	596	108	5-6
2	11	1	10	18	4	45	16	12	11	15	4			2	150	3	10
	23.																
	13.																
	50		4	24	5	25	1	17	1	2	1	1		4	169	21	
1	166		4		10	75		5	4	22	2		1		485	9	
	115		6	38	8	72		26	1	25	2	2	1		128	14	1
2	45			27	7	18		4	12	6	3	2	8		97	26.	
1	65		1		8	40		89		3							
	55		1	50	6	37		2	2	10	1	1		2	185	4	18
95	3804	13	165	2085	296	2229	395	964	155	1914	1282	143	49	364	12204	4593	342

Wm. W. Pharr S. C.

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Adjourned meeting.

Presbytery according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church Salisbury. May the 8th 1883 & was opened with prayer by Rev J. N. D. Summerell Moderator.

The roll was made out & the following Ministers & ruling elders were present:-

Roll.

Ministers- F. P. Harrell. Le. McKinnon. J. A. Ramsay. J. Rumple D.D. J. N. D. Summerell D. G. Thurston & J. M. Wharey.

Ruling elders:- J. C. Barnhardt. Rocky River- O. D. Davis Salisbury & A. H. Matheson Wilkesboro.

Rev J. A. Ramsay was chosen temporary Clerk.

Presbytery then heard the Trial sermon of A. W. White candidate from Gal. 3:10.

Rev C. A. Monroe was received on certificate, after examination, from the Presbytery of Mississippi & his name ordered to be enrolled.

Rev'd. C. A. Monroe Rec'd from Miss. Pres.

A call from the Wilkesboro church for the ministerial services of Rev D. G. Thurston was read & put on the docket.

A call.

The Latin Exegesis of Mr A. W. White was referred to the committee on Languages.

It was ordered that the popular lecture of A. W. White be heard tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

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Mocksville N. C.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow morning 9. o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

May 9th

The Presbytery met & was opened with prayer by Rev Le. McKinnon. May 9th 9. o'clock A.M. Roll was called & minutes read & approved.

Treasurer ordered.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay to the commissioners to the Gen. Assembly a sum sufficient to defray their necessary expenses.

Presbytery then heard the Critical Exegesis of Mr A. W. White from Ex xx, 33: 12-16, which was referred to a committee consisting of Revs D. G. Thurston & F. P. Harrell & ruling elder A. H. Matheson.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved:

1. That Presbytery take immediate steps for the preservation of its Records, by having accurate copies made of the original minutes, with marginal references & copious indices. & when these copies are made & verified the originals shall be deposited in the building of the Presbyterian Historical Society, safe & fireproof.

Old records to be copied.

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Old Records Vol. I. p. 1.

Call retained Wilkesboro

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2. That some one be appointed at once to copy, note & index the first Volume of our minutes, & that the Treasurer pay $ 25. for the first Volume when completed & receipted.

Leave of absence was granted J. C. Bernhardt.

Rev J. A. Ramsay was elected to transcribe Vol I of the Minutes as recommended in the above resolution.

Presbytery resumed the examination of Mr A. W. White on the Hebrew language & Ecclesiastical History, which examinations were sustained.

Dr J. G. Ramsay ruling elder from Third Creek appeared & was enrolled. Also the name of W. H. Allenson ruling elder from Rocky River was enrolled as alternate to J. C. Bernhardt.

It was determined that Presbytery retain the call from Wilkesboro until the Fall meeting of Presbytery & that Mr Thurston be directed to preach there until that time.

The Temporary Clerk was directed to furnish the Chairman of the Committee of Oversight a copy of the above decisions.

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Rev P. P. Winn was directed to hold a communion meeting at Third Creek & Rev W. W. Boyd do the same at Fifth Creek.

Old records Vol II.

Rev J. Rumple D. D. & C. McDaniel were appointed to secure material for copying the minutes, & if the way be clear they employ Rev J. N. H. Summerell to copy the second Volume.

Leave of absence was granted Rev F. H. Harrell after this morning's session.

Presbytery took recess till 3, o'clock P. M.

After recess Presbytery met & proceeded to examine Mr White on Church Government & Theology & the Sacraments, which examinations were sustained.

The committee to examine the Latin Class & Critical Exercises of Mr White reported, recommending their approval as parts of trial, which reports were received & adopted.

Com. to revise Standing Comm. N. C.

Rev J. Rumple D. D. J. N. H. Summerell & ruling elder Dr J. J. Summerell were appointed to revise the Standing Committee on the Examination of Candidates & report at the Fall meeting.

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Presbytery took recess until 8.0'clock P.M.

After recess Presbytery met & heard the lecture of Mr White on John 14:1-3.

The Examinations of Mr White as a whole & all its parts was sustained as satisfactory. & Presbytery proceeded to his licensure; as follows:-

At Salisbury the 9th day of May 1883. The Presbytery of Concord having received testimonial in favour of A Walker White, of his having gone through a regular course of Literature, of his good moral character, & of his being in the communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure. And he having given satisfactory as to his acquirements in literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, & as to his proficiency in divinity & other studies the Presbytery did, & hereby does, express its approbation of all those parts of trial. And he having adopted the Confession of Faith & the Catechisms of this Church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did & hereby does, license him the said Andrew Walker White to preach the gospel of Christ, as a

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probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he may be orderly called.

A. W. White retained as C.

Presbytery decided to keep Mr White in their bounds & that he be directed to labor sixteen at Third Creek and Fifth Creek churches or in the Western Evangelistic field at his discretion.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Norwood Church Sept. the 12th 1883 at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

William W. Phaw
Stated Clerk

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Norwood Stanly Co. N.C.

The Presbytery of Concord met in the presbyterian Church Norwood Sept 12th 1883 7½ o'clock P.M. and in the absence of the last Moderator, was opened with a sermon by Rev S. McKinnon from Matt. 13: 44. after which Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev W. B. Anderson. the last Moderator present.

The roll was called & the following were present:

Ministers- R. B. Anderson D.D. W. B. Norwood. R. W. Boyd. S. McKinnon. Wm Pharr. J. A. Ramsay. E. F. Rockwell D.D. J. M. Wharey & P. P. Winn.

Roll.

Churches	Ruling elders.
Back Creek -	T. M. McConnell.
Bethany	W. B. Gibson
Bethpage	C. M. B. Goodnight
Centre	J. R. McNeely
Concord (Town)	M. W. Johnston
Fifth Creek	W. E. Hall
Franklin	J. A. Klutz.
Norwood	M. L. Barnhardt
Poplar Tent	N. A. Caldwell
Prospect.	C. A. Johnston
Rocky River	Dr J. R. Watson
Salisbury	Dr J. J. Summerell
Statesville	J. P. Bradley

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Third Creek	Dr J. G. Ramsay
Thyatira	A. F. Goodman
Unity	W. G. Watson
Zion	S. W. Mills

Absentees

Ministers absent: D. L. Brall. J. W. Davis. L. K. Glasgow. A. D. Hepburn D.D. C. A. Monroe. P. J. Pinnix. W. A. Wood D.D. T. N. Paxton. Churches not represented: Bethel. Bethesda. Elis. Concord (Odell). D. College. Amsilla. Hickory Grove. Lenoir. Marion. Mocksville. Mooresville. Morganton. Newton. Rev J. M. Wharey was chosen Moderator & Rev J. A. Ramsay & Rev P. P. Winn temporary Clerks.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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Presbytery met & was opened with prayer - the roll was called & the minutes of last stated & adjourned meetings read.

Bethpage Criticism

The Stated Clerk was directed to erase the criticism on the Sessional Records of Bethpage in order to make it conform to the Presbyterial Records.

Rev P. P. Winn & Rev R. W. Boyd reported the fulfillment of their appointments as temporary supplies.

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Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D. & Rev L. McKinnon were added to the committee to revise the Committee on the Examination of Candidates.

Bethel letter.

A letter was read from Bethel church, asking the sympathies & prayers of Presbytery in their affliction in the person of their pastor, whereupon Rev Mess Olson was directed to preach at said church, hold a sacramental service, if he may be clear, & convey the sympathies of this body to said church & the afflicted family, & that Bro Glasgow be especially remembered in our devotions.

A committee consisting of Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D. Rev J. Rumple D.D. & Ruling elder C. A. Johnston were appointed to bring in a minute touching the death of Rev T. S. Johnston & Rev P. P. Harrell.

Old Fort organized.

Rev C. A. Monroe evangelist, reported that he had organized a church at Old Fort on Sabbath the 1st day of July 1883, with two ruling elders, 18 communicating members, & 20 baptized non-communing members, & recommending that the name of the church be Old Fort. The report was received, adopted & the name of the church put on the roll.

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Presbytery then took recess until 3½ o'clock P.M.

After recess, Presbytery met.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Coms announced.

On the narrative to Synod – Rev S. M. Boyd & ruling elders D. S. Caldwell & W. G. Watson.

Minutes of the Gen. Assembly – Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. & ruling elders Rev J. J. Summerell & Dr J. G. Ramsay.

On Finance – ruling elders – J. R. McNeely, Dr J. R. Wilson, & M. D. Barnhardt.

Judicial Committee – Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D. & ruling elders – M. W. Johnston & J. P. Bradley.

Bills & Overtures – Rev J. Rumple D.D. & ruling elders – C. M. B. Goodnight & S. W. White.

To nominate Trustees of Davidson College – Rev P. P. Winn & ruling elders W. E. Hall & W. B. Gibson.

J. N. H. Summerell pastoral relation dissolved P. Tent.

At the request of Rev J. N. H. Summerell – with reasons assigned therefor & the consent of the church, the pastoral relation between him & the Poplar Tent Church was dissolved

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Request for dismission.

We also requested a dismissal to the Presbytery of Orange - which was deferred to the next adjourned meeting.

S.C. and report.

The annual report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read & referred to the committee on D. College - with instructions to report tomorrow evening after preaching & that Rev J. Rumple D.D. be heard in connection therewith, touching the interests of the College

Com. of Oversight Pastorates

The Committee of Oversight made a report, recommending that the Churches of the Presbytery be arranged into the following pastoral charges:-
1st The Eastern Evangelistic Field including Norwood & other points. 2nd Rocky River & Zion. 3d Concord Town, 4th Poplar Tent & Bethphage. 5th Thyatira & Back Creek, 6th Bethel & Davidson College. 7th Centre & Prospect 8th Mooresville. 9th Salisbury. 10th Unity & Franklin. 11th Third Creek & Fifth Creek. 12th Mocksville, Tabor & Gadsden Co. 13th Bethany & Bethesda. 14th Statesville. 15th Concord, Odell, Cleo, New Salem & Shiloh 16th Taylorsville & Hickory. 17th Lenoir, Wilkes with Watauga & Ashe Co's. 18th Morganton & Newton. 19th Western Evangelistic Field including Old Fort, Siloam, Swannanoa &c.

& R. B. Anderson. Ch.

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The foregoing report was received & adopted.

N. W. White Called.

Calls from Third Creek & Fifth Creek Churches for the pastoral services of Mr A. Walker White candidate - were presented & read, & after hearing the commissioners from said churches the calls were placed in his hands. Mr White then informed the Presbytery of his willingness to accept the said calls whereupon Rev W. M. Shaw and ruling elders Mr J. G. Ramsay & W. E. Hall were appointed to suggest arrangements for his ordination & installation

J. McKinnon Called (Columbia).

A communication signed by Messrs T. W. McMaster, T. D. Gillespie & George Howe - commissioners of the Columbia Presbyterian Church S. C. duly appointed and authorized to prosecute a call from said Church for the pastoral services of Rev J. McKinnon - a member of this body, asking this Presbytery to appoint a time, as soon as possible after the 17th of Sept, when they may be heard touching this matter - was read & referred to the committee appointed to arrange for the ordination & installation of Mr White.

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The following reports of the Presbyterial Treasurer received & approved:

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer would report the following Balances in his hands-

Commissioner's Fund		$172.96.
Education,		48.89
Foreign Mission	- nothing -	
Publication	-	196.37
Sustentation	-	106.94
Tuscaloosa Institute	-	11.48.
Total	-	536.64.

There is a Balance of $19.00 in the Synod Evangelistic Fund which was appropriated to the use of the Western Evangelistic Com. and held subject to their order.

In the support of Rev T. N. Paxton the Invalid Fund has been overdrawn $51.52 & as there is only $106.24 in the Sustentation Fund, I have only $55.35 in the Treasury for his future support.

A. B. Davis Treasr.

Old Records report.

Rev J. A. Ramsay, appointed to transcribe the P. & O. R. of Presbyterial Records, reported progress, which report was received & approved.

Com. Gen. Assy. Report.

Rev J. M. Wharey commissioner to the last Gen. Assembly reported his punctual attendance - which was recd & approved.

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Presbytery then entered into pri vate conversation on the state of religion, after which a recess was taken until after preaching to night.

After recess - Presbytery met.

The committee to arrange for the ordination & installation of Mr White made a report, which, as amended & adopted, is as as follows: The committee recommend that Mr White be examined & ordained & if he may be clear, at this place during this meeting that Rom. 8:34. be assigned as a text for his trial sermon, & that his sermon be heard to day at 11. o'clock; & that Rev Dr. B. Anderson preach the ordination sermon tomorrow night. And that a committee be appointed to install him pastor of Third Creek viz: Rev J. Rumple D.D. to preside, preach the sermon & propound the constitutional questions & charge the pastor - with Rev Dr. W. Boyd as his alternate, & Rev J. A. Ramsay to charge the people - with Rev D. McRinnon as his alternate. & that the installation take place on Saturday the 6th day of October 1883.

A. P. White ordination &c. report of Com.

11. That a committee be appointed to install him pastor of Depot Creek viz: Rev E. T. Rockwell D.D. to preside, preach the sermon, propose the constitutional questions & charge the pastor - with Rev W. W. Pharr as his alternate & Rev W. A. Wood D.D. to

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charge the people with Rev P. P. Winn as his alternate - & that the installation at that Church take place on Saturday the 13th day of Oct. 1883.

The committee further recommend that this Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Salisbury on 29th day of Sept. 1883. at 7½ o. clock P. M. & that the paper from the commissioners of the Columbia church S. C. be referred to that meeting.

Adjourned meeting

com, { Wm W. Pharr, Dr J. S. Ramsay & W. E. Hall

Place & time of next meeting

Centre church was chosen as the place, & Wednesday the 23d, before the 2d Sabbath of April 1884 - at 11 o. clock A. M. as the time for the next Stated meeting of this body.

Dr J. J. Summerell was granted leave of absence.

It was made the order for tomorrow after devine service, to hear Rev J. Rumple D.D. in the interests of Davidson College.

Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning 9. o. clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Friday morning Sept. 14th

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called & minutes of yesterday read, & approved.

Minute on death of Rev T. P. Johnston & F. P. Harrell

The committee to prepare a minute touching the death of Rev T. P. Johnston & F. P. Harrell presented the following, which was accepted & adopted:

Rev Thomas Pinckney Johnston died at Fort Mills S. C. at the house of Rev J. M. Thomas on the 29th day of May 1883, at about the age of 76 years - away from most of his immediate family - but with his son Rev T. M. Johnston and other kind friends to close his eyes in death. - He spent a long useful & varied life, & died the death of the righteous & his works do follow him.

Rev Franklin Pierce Harrell died at the parsonage, in his own charge Prospect church, on the 29th of June 1883, at the age of 31 years. He was in the midst of his usefulness, & with the prospect of a long life - but the Great Head of the church saw fit to remove him, like a shock of corn fully ripe, & in the exercise of a glorious hope to his home in heaven; leaving many friends to mourn his early removal; & especially his loved friend dearer than all, alone in the world - this interesting children having preceded him to the world of spirits. The bereaved widow claims our sympathy & our prayers.

E. F. Rockwell, Chn,

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Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D. was appointed to prepare a biographical sketch of the life & labors of Rev T. P. Johnston, & Rev J. A. Ramsay to prepare a similar sketch of the life and labors of Rev F. P. Harrell - to be presented at the next stated meeting.

Biographical Sketches Comm'n appointed

The Judicial Committee reported, no business & asked to be discharged - the report was recvd & the committee discharged.

Committee on Bills & Overtures reported no business & were discharged.

The committee to revise the list of the committees on examination of Candidates reported recommending - That the list be revised as follows: 1. That the names of the deceased, & removed members be stricken from the roll. 2. That the name of Rev J. A. Ramsay be transferred from Ecclesiastical History to Languages; & the name of W. B. Norwood added to the Committee on Languages.

Examination Com's Report.

J. Rumple Chr,

The committee on the minutes of the Gen'l Assembly was enlarged by the addition of Rev S. McKinnon & ruling elders T. M. McConnell & J. A. Klutz.

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Sept. Pub. Report.

The Sept. of Publication & Colportage made report, which was referred to a committee consisting of Rev P. P. Mann & elders M. S. Caldwell & M. W. Johnston.

Mr Rumple from the Committee of Sustentation offered the following report which was recvd & adopted:

Bus. Com. Report. P. M. P.

The Committee would respectfully report that they have supported Rev E. M. Paxton, & the expenditures in that direction have been such as not to allow any other appropriation. Your Committee would urgently press upon the churches the necessity of making speedy & liberal contributions to the Invalid Fund.

J. Rumple Ch'm,

Rev J. S. Bunn of the Protestant Methodist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a visiting member.

Education Report.

Rev Wm W. Phares from the committee of Education reported, that we have now a Candidate for the ministry now under our care - & the Treasurer was directed to send all the money in his hands for cause of Education to the Treasurer of the Gen'l Assembly's Committee of Education.

Treasurer ordered. (1)

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Calls from Wilkesboro & Hickory churches for the pastoral services of Rev T. G. Thurston were read- the former (Wilkesboro) promising a salary of $175 for one fourth of his time, & the latter (Hickory) promising a salary of $375 for one half his time. These calls were placed in his hands. A letter was read from Rev T. G. Thurston accepting the call from Hickory, in case it should be put in his hands & declining the call from Wilkesboro. Whereupon, Rev Wm W. Thorn & elder J. G. Ramsay were appointed to suggest arrangements for his installation at Hickory.

T. G. Thurston called. Hickory

The Committee of Oversight recommended the following, which was adopted:

That the Mocksville group consisting of Mocksville, Tabor, & Yadkin Co. be added to the field in charge of the Western Evangelistic Committee; & that the Committee of Home Missions be directed to raise $225 for the Lenoir group- consisting of Lenoir, Wilkesboro and Watauga & Ashe Counties.

P. B. Anderson Chr

Com. of Oversight Group &c.

Rev A. D. Hepburn D.D. was directed to preach on Sabbath at 8 o'clock P.M. & declare it vacant.

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The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev T. G. Thurston over Hickory church, reported recommending that Rev P. B. Anderson D.D. preside, preach the sermon, propound the constitutional questions & charge the pastor- & that Rev P. P. Mimm charge the people- with Rev W. A. Wood D.D. & Rev C. A. Monroe as their alternate in order named, & that the installation take place on Saturday the 20th day of Oct, 1883. This report was accepted & adopted.

T. G. Thurston installation Com. Report.

com { Wm W. Thorn
Dr J. G. Ramsay

Presbytery then proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Mr A. W. White from Rom. 8:34.

A. W. White trial sermon

The committee to nominate Trustees of Davidson College reported recommending the re-election of Rev A. D. Hepburn D.D. & Rev P. H. McKinnon to serve four years, which was adopted. On this connection, Presbytery heard Rev J. Rumple D.D. in the interest of said college.

Trustees of D. College

com { P. P. Mimm
W. E. Hall
A. D. Gibson

Presbytery then took recess till 3.0 o'clock this Evening.

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Presbytery met. after recess & proceeded to business.
Rev S. McKinnon & elder W. H. Johnston were granted leave of absence.

It was made the first order for tomorrow morning to hear the report of the committee on the Minutes of the Genl. Assembly.

Presbytery then took up the examination of A. W. White licentiate, with a view to his ordination. & proceeded to examine him as to his acquaintance with experimental religion; as to his knowledge of philosophy, Theology, ecclesiastical history, the Greek & Hebrew languages, & as to his knowledge of the doctrine of the Sacraments, & the principles & rules of the government & discipline of the Church. The examination was sustained as a whole & in all its parts.

A. W. White examination

Presbytery then took recess till 7½ o'clock P. M.

After recess, the Presbytery met & proceeded to the ordination of A. Walker White licentiate. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. from Mar 16 9: 23.

A. W. White Ordained

After sermon, the Moderator propounded to the candidate the constitutional questions, which being answered in the affirmative, he was solemnly ordained to the full

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work of the gospel ministry by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery.

Leave of absence was granted Rev A. W. White & elders W. E. Hall, A. F. Goodman, D. S. Caldwell, J. P. Bradley, C. M. B. Goodnight, I. W. White, J. R. McNeely, C. A. Johnston & Rev J. C. Ramsay.

Leave of absence.

Ruling elders W. B. Jetson & J. R. Nelson were put upon the committee to examine the report of Ass't. of Publication & Colportage.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow morning 9. o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Presbytery met according to adjournment, & was opened with prayer by the Moderator. Roll was call & the minutes of yesterday read.

The order of the day was called for when the com. on the minutes of the Genl. Assembly made report, which was taken up & disposed of as follows:

Minutes of Genl. Assly. reported.

Overture I. Touching the demission of the office of Elder or Deacon. The committee recommend the proposed change of III. Sec. of Chap. X. Rules of Discipline be adopted. see Ass. minutes p. 20.
Adopted.

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Overture II. Touching amendments to the Confession of Faith & the Catechisms:
The Committee recommend that the proposed change or amendment be made by adding to Chap. VII. Form of Government a third Section to read as follows:
"Amendments to the Confession of Faith & the Catechisms of this Church may be made only upon the recommendation of our Assembly, the concurrence of at least three-fourths of the Presbyteries, & the enactment of the same by a subsequent Assembly."
(see Asslj's Minutes pp. 50. 51) Adopted.

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Overture III. Touching marriage -
It is recommended that the latter part of sec. 4. of Chap. 24. of the Confession of Faith be stricken out. Adopted.

Overture IV. This Presbytery recommends the adoption of the Overture of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, only so far as organic union with any other ecclesiastical body is concerned
(see Asslj's minutes p. 54) Adopted.

Overture V. Concerning the ordinations of Evangelists in Foreign fields. was deferred for consideration to the next stated meeting.
(see Asslj's Minutes p. 60)

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Overture VI. It is recommended that correspondence with the Reformed Church in America & the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America be continued by delegates. Adopted.

Wm R. Anderson
Ch.

Narrative:

The following narrative on the state of religion was adopted:

Narrative.

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully submit to the Synod of North Carolina the following:
During the greater part of the closing Synodical year, all our churches have been supplied regularly with the preached word. & so far as reported the attendance upon the same has been uniformly good.
At present however, nine of our churches, (& some of them among the most important, are to be provided for.
Except in Third Creek & Fifth Creek churches, no unusual interest has been manifested; but the statistics show a fair increase in membership. There seems to be a growing interest in Sabbath Schools work & a more successful prosecution of it. Some of our churches conducting large & flourishing mission Schools.
Most of our congregations contribute with commendable regularity, & some with

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liberality, to the various enterprises of the Church, The Sabbath is not properly des-ecrated, & intemperance is giving us less trouble than in some years past, but we have to lament a most deplorable neglect of worship in the families of our churches. In a few congregations perhaps one half, in some one tenth, & in others a still smaller proportion of the families observe it.

Narrative

With devout thankfulness we would mention an increasing interest & success in the Evangelistic work, we have two earnest & faithful Evangelists in the field, whose labors the Lord is blessing. We hope soon to add one, possibly two more. The whole work is in a more satisfactory condition than ever before. We have a Colporteur in the field, who is meeting fair success in the sale of books.

As a Presbytery we have been sorely afflicted, Two (2) of our beloved brethren Rev D. P. Johnston & F. D. Harrell have been removed from us by death, & another Rev S. H. Glasgow is incapacitated for his ministerial work, through mental alienation.

The Lord sanctify these afflictions to us.

com { R. W. Boyd
W. S. Watson
M. S. Caldwell

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The following was adopted: Resolved
1. That it is with deep regret we have learned of the protracted illness of our venerable & beloved brother the Rev E. D. Patton,
2. That we hereby express our sympathy with him in his affliction & earnestly hope that he may continue to be comforted by that precious Saviour whom it was his privilege so long to preach,
3d That the Stated Clerk be directed to commun-with him & inform him of these resolutions.

Resolutions of respect. T. N. P.

The following resolutions were adopted;
Whereas an alarmingly prevalent neglect of family worship by the heads of families in the churches under our care is reported - & whereas the families that call not upon the name of God may well fear His judgments Jer. 10: 25 - & whereas a healthy state of piety may not be expected while this means of grace is not observed, therefore -
Resolved 1. That a committee consisting of Rev R. W. Boyd, Rev J. A. Ramsay & Rev J. J. Summerell be appointed to prepare a pastoral address to our churches on the privilege & duty of worshiping in the family & publish the same in the N. C. Presbyterian
2. That the Sessions of our several churches be instructed to have this address read from the pulpit to their congregations.

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3d. That all our ministers be directed to preach at least once, on this duty before the next fall meeting of this Presbytery;
4th. That the Sessions be instructed to carefully inquire the number of families in their churches habitually observing, & also the number neglecting this duty; & report the same to next fall meeting of Presbytery;
5th. That the roll be called at said meeting when the ministers & ruling elders shall be required to answer as to the duties herein enjoined.

Com. Rep't A.G.T. Pub.

The committee to which was referred the books & vouchers of Rev R. W. Boyd, the former A.G.T. of Publication & Colportage reported - That they have examined the same, & find satisfactory vouchers for all his payments, & his accounts regular; & that on Oct. 4th 1882, he turned over to Rev J. A. Ramsay, present A.G.T. of Publication, the balance in his hands amounting to $309.15. The report was accepted & approved.

Com. { P.P. Winn, J.R. Nelson, W.B. Gibson

Same (1)

The same committee to whom was referred the books & accounts of Rev J. A. Ramsay, present A.G.T. of Publication, reported that they have examined the books & vouchers & find satisfactory vouchers for all his payments, & his accounts

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regular; & that the following balance is in his hands:

Books -	$164.14
Cash -	115.01
1 Horse -	125.00
1 Wagon & harness -	37.80
Total -	441.95

Com. { P.P. Winn, W.B. Gibson, J.R. Nelson

Com. Rep't. Colportage (1)

The committee to which was referred the report of the Committee of Colportage reported that they had examined the same, & recommending the diligence of the Committee of Colportage in prosecuting the Colportage work; & recommend (1) that the Committee of Colportage be directed to continue prosecuting their work with vigour; (2) that Rev A. W. White be added to the Committee of Colportage in the place of Rev F. P. Harrell dec'd. (3) that the A.G.T. of Publication be directed, out of the Publication Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of Presbytery, to provide selected libraries of the value of $40. each for the Sabbath Schools of Norwood & Old Fort Churches; (4) that the A.G.T. of Publication be directed to furnish some books of cheaper bindings & lower prices to our Colporteur for sale, & a good supply of selected tracts for gratuitous distribution; & that for this purpose he be authorized to draw upon

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Treasurer ordered.

the Publication Funds now in the hands of the Treasurer; and (5) that the Presbyterial Treasurer be directed to pay over to the Genl. Assembly's Treasurer of Publication the remainder of Publication money in his hands after paying the amounts that the Ag't. of Publication has been authorized to draw out. This report was accepted & adopted.

com. { P. P. Mann
M. D. Gibson
J. E. Wilson

The Committee of Finance reported no business, & were discharged.

5 hundred

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the Citizens of Norwood for their hospitality in the entertainment of the members of this body & to the Methodist & Baptist Churches for the use of their houses of worship.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Salisbury Presbyterian Church on Thursday Sept. 27th at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with Singing, prayer, & the apostolic benediction.

William M. Starr
Stated Clerk

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Salisbury N. C.

Adjourned meeting.

Concord Presbytery met in presbyterian Church Salisbury Sept. 27th 1883. according adjournment, & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called & the following present:
Ministers- J. Rumple D.D. W. A. Wood D.D,
S. McK Rinnon. J. A. H. Summerell. J. H.
Wheary & R. W. Boyd.
Ruling Elders:-
Dr J. J. Summerell - Salisbury,
Dr J. B. Ramsay - Third Creek
A. W. Johnston - Concord (Town)
J. B. Hall - Hickory.

Rev R. W. Boyd was chosen temporary clerk.

Rev Messrs J. H. Thornwell of Bethel Presbytery S.C. & J. B. Mack D.D. of Charleston Presbytery were introduced as corresponding members.

J. A. H. S. dismissed to Orange (1) The request of Rev J. A. H. Summerell for a dismissal to Orange Presbytery deferred to this meeting, was taken up & the request granted & the Stated Clerk directed give a certificate of the same.

Col. F. W. McMaster of the Columbia presbyterian Church, S.C. appeared with due authority from the Presbytery of Charleston, to prosecute a

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S. McK R- called. call from said church for the pastoral services of Rev S. McKinnon, a member of this body, & was heard touching that matter, After which the commissioners from the Concord (Town) church viz: Mr A. W. Johnston & Mr Fetzer, were heard in opposition to the placing the call in the hands of their pastor the Rev S. McK Rinnon; & a petition from the Concord Church was also read opposing the said call from the Columbia church S.C. being placed in the hands of their pastor Rev S. McK Rinnon.

Rev S. McK Rinnon was then heard with reference to the state of his mind in regard to the matter

After discussion the call from the Columbia Church S. C. was placed in the hands of Rev McK Rinnon- who he signified his acceptance of the same. The Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with a certificate of dismissal to Charleston Presbytery, of the action of this Presbytery.

S. McK Rinnon dismissed to Charleston Presbytery S.C.

Rev J. H. Wheary was directed to preach at Concord Church & declare it vacant.

T. S. T. com. The committee to install Rev T. S. Thornton at Hickory Church, was granted permission to change the time if desirable.

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Rev E. McKinnon offered his resignation as Trustee of Davidson College & also as a member of the Eastern Evangelistic Committee, which the Presbytery declined to accept.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator at Wilmington during the Sessions of Synod.

Closed with prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William W. Pharr, S.C.

Synod of North Carolina, Wilmington, Nov. 16th 1883.

Approved, with the following exceptions:

1st The Records are not kept with sufficient neatness.

2nd Page 682, A Commission presents a report, which seems to be received, without submitting a full record of its proceedings, as required by Bk. of Ch. Order, Form of Govt, Chap. V: Sec. VII. Par. 1.

3rd Page 685, The Presbytery, through its Com. of Evangelistic Work, authorizes the organization of a Church by a minister not a member of the Presbytery.

4th Page 745. A Pastor, called to a Church in another Presbytery, after having signified his acceptance of the call, is dismissed to the said Presbytery without any record of a dissolution of the existing pastoral relation.

J. H. Johnston
Moderator.

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Wilmington N.C.

Concord Presbytery met in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington at the call of the Moderator, Nov 15 1883, & was opened with prayer.

Present at the calling of the roll the following:

Ministers: J. M. Wharey, P. P. Winn, J. Rumple D.D. E. F. Rockwell A.M., S. R. Glazer, J. A. Ramsay, W. B. Arrowood, & A. W. White.

Ruling elders	Churches represented
D. W. Bowrance	Prospect
S. M. Fenn	Bethphage
J. W. A. Kerr	Centre
J. N. Graham	Thyatira
E. P. Penick	Mooresville
M. L. Barnhardt	Norwood
T. McConnell	Back Creek
Prof. W. J. Martin	Davidson College
P. B. Kennedy	Tabor
R. A. Knox	Salisbury.

Rev J. A. Ramsay was chosen temporary Clerk.

A call from Prospect Church for one half the ministerial time of Rev W. W. Pharr, promising him a salary of four hundred dollars per annum, was read. Also a communication from Rev W. W. Pharr was read.

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These papers were referred to the next adjourned meeting, to be appointed.

It was ordered that when this Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet in the Presbyterian Church Concord, on Tuesday Nov 27th 1883. at 7 o'clock P. M.
The Stated Clerk was directed to notify Bethpage Church of the above action.

Presbytery took recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Nov 17th

Saturday the 17th 1883.
Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

A letter was read from Rev R. W. Boyd containing a request from Rev J. S. Williamson of Orange Presbytery to labor within our bounds until the next regular meeting. This request was referred to the adjourned meeting to be held in Concord.

The Temporary Clerk was directed to write to the Church of Poplar Tent informing them that they have acted contrary to Presbyterian principles in the manner of settling Mr Williamson among them; & also notify them of the meeting to be held in Concord & request them to be represented there.

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Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church Concord on Tuesday Nov 27th 1883. at 7. o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer

William W. Thom
Stated Clerk
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Concord Presbytery met in the Lecture room of the Presbyterian Church Concord Nov 27th 1883 according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator Rev J. A. McKerry.

Present: Ministers- R. B. Anderson D.D., J. A. Ramsay, J. Rumple D.D., J. A. McKerry,

Ruling elder	Church
R. A. Knox	Salisbury
S. A. Furr	Bethphage
A. Leazar	Mooresville
A. W. Johnston	Concord.
T. H. Robinson	Poplar Tent.

J. L. Williamson — The request of Rev J. L. Williamson was taken up & permission granted him to labor within our bounds.

T. H. Robinson ruling elder requested, in behalf of Poplar Tent Church, that they be permitted to employ Mr Williamson as stated supply for the whole of his time until the Spring meeting of Presbytery, on a salary of six hundred dollars ($600.00) per year & Manse.

After due deliberation the following was adopted:

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Inasmuch as the support offered by Poplar Tent is not deemed sufficient by Presbytery; & inasmuch as the church is in arrears to its former Pastor; & inasmuch as Presbytery does not see just cause to depart from the grouping adopted at the last stated meeting; Therefore-

Resolved That the request of Poplar Tent be not granted.

Call Prospect — The call from Prospect church for one half the Ministerial time of Rev W. H. Sharp was taken up & ordered to be placed in his hands without advice.

Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. was requested to visit Poplar Tent on next Sabbath & counsel them in the matter of obtaining a supply.

Rev J. Rumple D.D. was placed on the Eastern Evangelistic Committee in the stead of Rev D. McKinnon.

Presbytery directed the Treasurer to pay from the Presbyterial Fund the necessary expenses of the Committee of Oversight.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Centre Church on Wednesday the 23d day of April 1884. at 11. o'clock A.M. Closed with prayer

William A. Sharp
Stated Clerk

Statesville N C

1883.
Dec. 31. Concord Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church Statesville, Dec. 31, 1883. at 8 o'clock P. M. & was opened with prayer by Rev W. A. Woodfield last moderator present - in pursuance of the following call:-

"According to the provisions of Form of Government. I hereby call a "pro re nata" meeting of Concord Presbytery - at the presbyterian church in Statesville on Dec. 31, 1883. at 8. o'clock P. M. - to consider the request of Rev C. A. Monroe, Evangelist, for permission to labor out-side the bounds of this Presbytery."

J. M. Wharey, Mod,

The roll was called & the following were present: Ministers- C. A. Monroe, J. Rumple D.D. P. P. Winn. A. Walker Wiley & W. A. Wood D.D.
Ruling Elders- Wm Murdock of Salisbury.
J. A. Witherspoon - Statesville

Rev P. P. Winn was appointed Clerk pro. tem.

Rev C. A. Monroe then requested permission to labor outside the bounds of this Pres, & stated fully his reasons for making the request. Whereupon Presbytery granted him permission to labor outside the bounds until the next

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regular meeting. Presbytery then adjourned sine die and was closed with prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk

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Special Meeting.

Concord Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church Mooresville, Jan. 15. 1884. at 11. o'clock A. M. & was opened with prayer by Rev J. M. Wharey Moderator - in pursuance of the following call:

Harrisburg N.C.
Jan. 2. 1884.

"According to the provisions of our Form of Government. I hereby call a special meeting of Concord Presbytery, to be held in Mooresville Presbyterian Church on Jan. 15. 1884 - at 11. o'clock A. M. to consider the matter of grouping the churches. especially of Centre & Prospect. Bethphage & Poplar Tent - to dissolve or substitute pastoral relations in said Churches if the may be clear, or grant said Churches temporary supplies."

J. M. Wharey Mod.

The roll was called & the following were present - Ministers:- P. F. Reneau. J. M. Wharey. Wm W. Pharr. M. A. Wood D. D. & J. A. Ramsay.

Ruling Elders - S. C. Rankin of Mooresville
J. R. McAuley - Centre
J. S. Harris - Prospect
S. M. Finn - Bethphage
M. S. Caldwell - Poplar Tent.

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J. McConnell - Back Creek
J. G. Hall - Hickory.

Rev J. A. Ramsay was chosen as temporary Clerk.

Rev Wm W. Pharr then announced his willingness to accept the call from Prospect church, placed in his hands at a previous meeting & asked the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him & the church of Bethphage. & gave his reasons for so doing in full.

M. S. M. Finn the ruling elder & representative from Bethphage stated that, while the church of Bethphage would not unite with their pastor in this request. they would submit to it without opposition if it was the will of the pastor. Whereupon the relation was dissolved & the Rev Wm W. Pharr directed to preach one Sabbath at said Church & announce this action.

W. W. P. - pastoral relation dissolved

In reference to the supplying of the churches of Bethphage & Poplar Tent the following has adopted:

Ordered that until the next regular meeting of Presbytery, the churches of Bethphage & Poplar Tent be directed to apply to the Committee of Oversight for the services of a minister as stated supply, whenever a minister has been

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chosen
by them. and that said churches are expected to arrange among themselves as to the amount of salary to be given by each, & the proportion of time each shall receive. & until this arrangement is made & agreed upon, the church of Poplar Tent is allowed to employ the services of Rev J. L. Williamson for the whole of his time. at a salary of $600. dollars & the use of a manse.

It was further ordered that the installation of Rev W.W. Pharr over the church of Prospect take place on Saturday the 16th of Feb. next. at 11. o. clock A. M. - & that Rev E. T. Penick preside, preach the installation sermon: propound the constitutional questions. & charge the pastor. that Rev J. A. Ramsay deliver the charge to the people - & that Rev W. A. Wood D.D. & Rev R. Y. Boyd be their alternate in the order named.

Presbytery then adjourned "sine die" & was closed with prayer.

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk

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Centre Church N.C.

Concord Presbytery met at Centre Church, April 23d 1884. according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by Rev W.B Anorwood. from Mark 8:36-37. After which Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the same.

At roll call the following were present;

Ministers- R.B. Anderson D.D.
W. B. Anorwood
R. W Boyd
D. K. Glasgow
P. F Peacock
Wm W Shaw
J. H. Ramsay
J. Rumple D.D.
J. M. Wharey.

Absent: A. D. Hepburn D.D. F. N. Payton. C. A. Monroe. W. A. Wood D.D. A. W. White. & J. W Davis.

Ruling Elders- G. H. Brown - Back Creek
M. G. Morrison - Bethany
R. J. W. Knox Bethel
J. F. Goodman Bethesda
T. N. Fleming Bethphage
Dr G. J. Houston Centre
J. E. Summers Concord (2nd)
C. R. White Concord (1st)
H. P. Helphen Davidson College

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J. G. Hall - Hickory.
R. C. Lentz Mooresville
R. K. Russell Morganton
J. A. Gorrin Newton
J. L. Beaty Prospect
J. J. Brunner Salisbury
D. R. Witherspoon - Statesville
E. M. Stevenson - Taylorsville
Dr. J. G. Ramsay Third Creek
J. E. Graham Thyatira
M. H. Bell - Fifth Creek
S. E. W Shaw Rocky River

Churches not represented: Chio. Amity. Marion. Mocksville. Norwood. Old. Fort. Salem. Shiloh. Siloam. Tabor. Unity & Wilkesboro.

Mod. & Clerks. Rev J. Rumple D.D. was chosen Moderator & Rev J. A. Ramsay & J. G. Hall temporay clerks.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour.

After recess

Corresponding member. Presbytery met. Rev G. M. Gibbs of Fayetteville Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The minutes of the last stated & adjourned meetings were read & approved.

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The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Narrative. Rev R. B. Anderson D.D., & J. K. Graham & G. H. Brown ruling Elders,

Evangelistic work - Rev J. M. Wharey. R. K. Pressell & J. G. Hall

Systematic Benevolence - Rev R. W Boyd. J. L. Hall & J. S. Beaty

Coms

Minutes of Synod - Rev E. R. Glasgow & D. A. Wilkinson & R. C. Ewing E.E.

Finance committee - R. C. White. T. A. Fleming & M. G. Morrison ruling elders.

On Sustentation report - Rev J. M. Wharey J. A. Ramsay & Dr J. G. Houston

Bills & Overtures - Rev D. J. Pemick. J. T. Goodman & J. E. Summers.

On Devotional Exercises - Rev W. M. Hall Dr J. G. Houston & Rev J. W. Knox

On Sessional Records - Rev W. B. Arnold & J. J. Brown, J. A. Gamble & E. M. Stevenson

On Davidson College - Rev W. M. Shaw. H. P. Helper & Dr J. G. Ramsay

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Mr R. resigned. Centre.

The resignation of Rev D. McKinnon as Trustee of Davidson College tendered at a former meeting, was taken up & accepted.

It was made the first order for tomorrow afternoon to consider the Overture touching the ordination of Foreign Evangelist - and down pour Synl. Assembly.

A. W. White installed

The committee to install A. W. White as pastor of Third Creek church reported the order fulfilled on Oct. 6th 1883.

A. W. White installed

The committee to install the same over the Church of Fifth Creek, reported the duty performed on the 13th of Oct. 1883. These reports were received & the committees discharged.

T. G. Thurston installed

The committee to install Rev T. G. Thurston pastor of Hickory - reported the duty performed on Nov. 4th 1883.

W. W. Pharr installed.

The committee to install Rev W. W. Pharr pastor of Prospect church - reported the duty performed on Saturday the 16th of Feb. 1884. These reports were recd & approved.

The reports from the Sessions on the State of religion - Sabbath Schools - & Statistics, were presented & referred to the appropriate Committees.

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Rev J. Reynolds D.D. from the Sustentation Committee made a report which was referred to the Committee on said Report.

Rev R. W. Boyd was elected Agt. of Foreign Missions instead of Rev. T. E. Thurston whom God in his providence has removed since our last meeting.

R. W. Boyd Agt. For. Missions

The Treasurer made a report which with his book, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Treasr report.

Evenitale J. C. Kennedy made a report of his labors which was received & approved.

J. C. Kennedy report.

Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. and Ruling Elder J. D. Hall were chosen as Commissioners to the next Genl Assembly to meet at Vicksburgh with Rev F. P. Mann & ruling elder C. R. White as their alternates in their order.

Comrs. to Genl Assy.

Thyatira was chosen as the place & Thursday the 4th day of Sept. next as the time of the next regular Fall meeting of this body.

Place & time of next meeting.

Ruling Elders T. H. Robinson of Poplar Tent, E. W. Fancelle of Lemon & N. S. White of Zion appeared & their names were enrolled.

Elders appear

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Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9½ o'clock.
Closed with Prayer

Thursday morning 9½ o'cl
Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.
Roll was called & the Minutes of yesterday read, corrected & approved.

Members appear

Rev P. P. Mann & Rev B. L. Beall appeared & gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

J. B. Mack

Rev J. B. Mack D.D. of Charleston Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A letter of excuse for absence from the present meeting was read from Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D. & sustained as satisfactory.

E. F. Rockwell excused.

Calls for the pastoral services of Rev J. L. Williamson of Orange Presbytery, were presented from Poplar Tent & Bethsaida churches. The former promising four hundred dollars ($400) & use of Manse & farm attached - & the latter promising four hundred dollars ($400) each for one half his time, & placed on the docket.

Calls for J. L. W.

Also a call from the church of Concord Town, for the pastoral services of Rev C. M. Payne of the Presbytery of Wilmington promising him a salary of twelve hundred dollars & the use of a manse was read & placed on the docket.

Calls for C. M. P. Concord.

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Letters of Dismission of Rev's of N. York

Letters. A letter from Rev J. R. Eastrade, & also one from Rev S. G. Boardman of the Presbytery of New Castle Del, were read offering to dismiss us in our bounds if the way be clear, which communications were referred to the Committee of Oversight.

C. A. Monroe dismissed. Rev C. A. Monroe was, at his request, granted a letter of dismission to Greenbrier Presbytery Va.

J. Stacy's letter. A communication was read from Rev J. Stacy D.D. Chairman of the Genl. Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Observance which was referred to the Presbyterial Com. on Sabbath Observance. Rev R.P. Mimm & ruling elder J. G. Hall were added to the Committee.

Com. on Sabbath.

R.P. Mimm S.S. Permission was granted Bethesda Ch. to employ Rev R. P. Mimm as stated supply for one half his time for the present year at a salary of ~~$325~~ three hundred and twenty five dollars, & as much more as can be secured.

T.G. Thurston death The Stated Clerk announced the death of Rev T. G. Thurston, whereupon Rev R.P. Mimm & ruling elders J. G. Hall & J. H. Robinson were appointed to prepare a minute touching his death.

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Comm. Report. The Eastern Evangelistic Committee made the following report which was approved & adopted: Your committee respectfully report, that the work under their charge has been quietly & successfully prosecuted during the past year. Our Evangelist has labored faithfully & continuously through the year with great acceptability to the people.

Beulah Ch. organized A new church named Beulah, consisting of 18 members was organized on the 17th day of Oct. 1883: though not as yet fully equipped; as it did not seem expedient to elect officers: & steps have been taken to erect a house of worship.

All the pecuniary obligations of the Committee to our Evangelist have been met up to the 1st Jan. 1884.

J. M. Wharey Chr.

In connection with the above report, Rev W. B. Sprowood was heard touching the work in the Shady Build.

Biographical Sketches of T.P. Harrill & T.P. Johnston

The order of the day was taken up, when the Biographical Sketches of Rev T. P. Harrill & Rev Thomas P. Johnston were read & ordered to be recorded in the Presbytery's Book of Biographical Sketches.

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The committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev T. G. Thurston made the following report which was received, adopted & a copy ordered to be sent to the N.C. Presbyterian for publication & also to the family of Brother Thurston, viz:

Minute of the death of T. G. Thurston

Rev Thomas G. Thurston - pastor of the churches of Hickory & Taylorsville, departed this life on Feb. 2nd 1884, being drowned in the Catawba River at Lord's Ford, while going from his house in Hickory to preach at Taylorsville - his eldest daughter Alice, who accompanied him, was drowned with him. Their bodies were subsequently recovered, & buried in the church yard at Hickory. Bro. Thurston was in the prime of life, in splendid health, & in the midst of most useful & active labors. But it has pleased our blessed Lord. the great Head of the church, suddenly, & under most sorrowful circumstances, to call him into the heavenly rest. The death of this beloved brother has filled all our hearts with great sorrow; but we humbly bow to the divine will, comforted by the words of our divine Savior "What I do, thou knowest not now but thou shalt know hereafter"

For the bereaved & stricken wife & two little children of our beloved brother, the Presbytery would invoke the divine consolations -

com { P. P. Mann
J. G. Hall
T. H. Robinson

T. G. Thurston com. biographical Sketch.

Rev. P. P. Mann. W. A. Wood M.D. & ruling elder J. G. Hall were appointed to prepare a biographical Sketch of the life & labors of Rev T. G. Thurston.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour.

After recess.

J. L. W. — com. Minutes

Presbytery met. Rev J. L. Williamson of the Presbytery of Orange being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Messrs J. T. Goodman & J. G. Hall were granted leave of absence after this evening session.

The order of the day was taken up. when the following was adopted as the answer of this Presbytery to the Overture touching the powers of the Evangelist in Foreign fields:

Answer of Overture powers of Evangelists

This Presbytery recommends that Chap. IV. Sec. II. par. VI. of Book of Church Order, be so altered as that after the word "therein" it shall read: "And also with a view to the extension of the church he has power in Foreign fields to ordain other Evangelists in specified

cases; when the Presbytery shall be satisfied of the qualifications of the candidate for the office.

Presbytery heard Rev J. B. Mack D.D. Agt. of Davidson College, in reference to the interests of that Institution; at the conclusion of which the following was adopted:

D. College Resolutions.

Resolved that Concord presbytery reaffirms its great solicitude for the welfare of Davidson College. Having set on foot the scheme for a larger endowment of this institution, which, located within our own bounds, has proven such a source of blessing to our beloved church; we cordially commend it to the consideration of our people, & urge upon them to raise a liberal proportion of this desired increase of endowment which in our judgement should be at least $15.000.

C. W. Maxwell Candidate rec'd.

Mr Columbus W. Maxwell, a member of the church of Davidson College, was introduced as a candidate for the gospel ministry; The Session of the Davidson College church having satisfactorily answered the questions in our Manual touching the character of the candidate as to his freedom from eccentricities &c; Mr Maxwell, after an examination on experimental religion & his motives for seeking the gospel ministry, was received as a candidate under the care of this

A. M. Wallace excused.

Presbytery & placed under the control of the Committee of Education.

A letter was read from Rev A. G. White giving satisfactory excuse for absence from the present meeting of this body. as Secretary

Western Evg. Com. Report.

The Western Evangelistic Committee made the following report, which was received & adopted:

Your Committee would report that they have had continuous encouragement in their work in the Western field - especially in the region embracing Marion, Old Fort, Siloam & adjacent country. The progress of the work there was suddenly retarded on the 1st of Jan. 1884 - by the resignation of Rev C. A. Monroe Evangelist.

This resignation was reluctantly accepted but under the circumstances could hardly have been declined. Rev R. B. Anderson rec'd, served as Evangelist at the points of Quaker Meadows & Silver Creek very acceptably during the past year.

The field has contributed $373.79.
The Churches contributed - 300.09
Total - - 673.88

Paid Rev C. A. Monroe Evangelist 6 Jan. 1st 1884 - $532.72
Paid Rev R. B. Anderson rec'd. - 90.00
Expense of Com. + ministers visiting the field - 39.96
Total of disbursements - - 662.68

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The demands of the Committee have been light upon the churches during the past year, for reason that they had no immediate need of the Funds. Now however, it is expected that the Com. must call upon the churches to send forward both past & present assessments unpaid, to enable the Com. to carry on its work.

Since the resignation of Rev C.A. Munroe, the Committee, through its chairman Rev W.A. Woodfin, has made vigorous & diligent efforts to fill the vacancy. Correspondence has been had with a number of ministers, all of whom declined the position.

Western Ex. Com. Report

Now however, the Committee have elected Rev J.A. Wheary to this work at a salary of $1000 per annum, & only await his decision as to acceptance.

elected

The Committee has also decided to invite Mr E.C. Murray - a Student of the Columbia Theol. Seminary, to labor for three months in the Western field provided the Treasurer of the Committee can see his way clear to pay him a salary not exceeding $50. per month

J.J. Hall - pr Com.

Rev B.L. Beall was placed on the Committee on the Narrative instead of Rev R.B. Anderson who asked to be relieved on account of other duties.

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The Stated Clerk read the paper on Ministerial Oversight - which is required to be read at each Spring meeting.

The Committee to transcribe the records of Concord Presbytery reported that they had employed Rev J.A. Ramsay to do this work, that he has finished Vols I, II, & III, that the committee have paid him for Vol. I. 25 dollars, but have not paid for Vols. II & III. The committee recommend the continuation of the work, & if the Commissioner's Fund is not sufficient, that they be authorized to use such Publication money as they may be able to secure from that fund.

Com. to transcribe records. report.

Report adopted.

Com. { J. Rumple & C.M. Davis

The above report was adopted.

Leave of absence was granted T.A. Fleming & Rev J.G. Ramsay.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow morning 9½ o'clock

Closed with prayer.

Friday morning 9½ o'clock

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Roll was called, & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs J.S. Beaty & N.G. White.

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J. L. W— Bethphage & P. Tent supply.

Permission was granted Poplar Tent & Bethphage churches to employ Rev J. L. Williams as stated supply until the fall meeting of this body.

A communication was read from Mr J. T. Finley & referred to the Committee of Oversight.

The Committee of Finance offered the following which was received & approved:

Com. Finance report.

The Committee of Finance report that they have examined the Treasurer's Book, & find it kept in a neat & businesslike manner; with proper vouchers accompanying all disbursements.

C. R. White, Chr.

Com. Educat. authorized &c.

The committee of Education was authorized to draw on Dr Richardson for such money as they may need for the support of our candidate.

S. E. W. Khan. elder from Rocky River appeared & was enrolled.

Clerk instructed.

It was directed that all our churches be instructed to send all moneys for benevolent objects direct to the Treasurer in Salisbury.

R. B. A— Trustee

The committee on Davidson College reported recommending the election of Rev R. B. Anderson in the stead of Rev L. McKinnon resigned, as a Trustee of said College, adopted.

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Prof. Wigwall. Davidson College.

Prof W. J. Martin was heard touching the building of a presbyterian church at Davidson College; after which, Presbytery commended this cause & directed our ministers to present it to the liberality of their people.

Presbytery took a recess for one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The A.S.T. of Foreign Missions made the following report which was received & approved:

Ag't. Foreign Mission report.

Your A.S.T. reports that there has been raised within the Presbytery during the past year the sum of $1664.55; which is about $260 less than was raised for the same cause the year previous. That the cause is dear to the hearts of our people is seen in the fact of the unintended[sic] of the contributions.

Every Church contributing to any thing, reports something to this cause, & more to it than to any other. The Statesville & Mooresville churches deserve special notice. The first contributed $373.38. & the latter $238.35. It is noticable that when distinct.

In[illegible] distinct mention is made of amounts contributed by ladies Societies & Sabbath Schools, these swell the amounts contributed by the congregation. Only 4 churches have contributed more than $1. per member, & the highest is $1.72 Owing to the limited time since the appointment of the A.S.T. he is unable to report the condition of the general work.

R. W. Boyd, Ag't.

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Com. Sys. Benevolence report.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence made a report which was approved & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

Comm. on Evangelistic work report.

The committee on Evangelistic work made report which was received approved & forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

Comm. on report of Sus. Com

The committee to examine the report of the Com. of Sustentation - reported that they find all things in order, which was received & committee discharged.

Comm. on Sessional Records report

The committee on Sessional Records made report recommending the approval of the Records of Prospect, Beach Creek, Salisbury, Mooresville, Davidson College, Franklin, Statesville & Hickory. And the approval with one or more exceptions of the following: Morganton, Bethesda, Poplar Tent, Bethphage, Concord (Odell), Bethany, Lenoir, Rocky River, Zion, Concord Town, Unity, Centre, Newton, Fifth Creek, Bethel, Taylorsville & Thyatira. This report was received & adopted, & the exceptions ordered to be noted on the respective books.

W. B. Atwood, Cler

Comm. on Narrative report.

The committee on the narrative to the Genl. Assembly made a report, which was received, approved & sent to the Genl. Assembly.

Comm. on Minutes of Synod report

The committee on the minutes of Synod reported that the minutes of Synod had not come into their hands. Report received & com. discharged.

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The committee of devotional services reported preaching daily during the sessions of Presbytery - report approved.

P. T. P. resigned

Rev. P. T. Penick offered his resignation as member of the Western Evangelistic Committee, which was accepted, & Prof. J. H. Hill appointed in his stead.

Adjourned meeting Concord.

It was ordered that when this Presbytery adjourns it adjourn to meet in Concord Town on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in June at 3. o'clock P. M.

Comm. on Sab. Schools report.

The committee on Sabbath Schools made a report which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

Comm. on pastoral letter report.

The committee to prepare a pastoral letter on family worship reported that, owing to special circumstances, they have not been able to attend to this duty - the report was accepted & committee continued.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance made a report, which was rec'd approved & ordered to be transmitted to Rev. J. Stacy Chairman of the Assembly's Committee.

Comm. on Sabb. Observance report.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolutions adopted

1. The Presbytery of Concord recognizing the great destitution of ministers within our bounds, resulting from death, the removal of ministers to other Presbyteries, & the failure to receive additions by licensure:

1. Resolves that the 1st Sabbath in June be appointed as a day of humiliation in all our churches, & special prayer that the Lord would

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end forth more laborers into his harvest.

2. That our ministers & members be remembered of the duty of constant & earnest prayer for the increase of the number of faithful ministers.

Com. appd.

Revs Wm H. Sharp, P. T. Rumple & ruling elder W. H. Helper were appointed to examine the Minutes of the Committee of Oversight.

The Committee of Oversight offered the following report, which was adopted:

Com. of Overs't report.

Classified Abstract of the Minutes of the Committee of Oversight.

Stated Supplies - Rev P. P. Mimm - Reidsville, Cleo & New Salem. Rev E. F. Rockwell Ch. Bethany, Concord (Rudell), Tabor.

Rev - Williamson - Poplar Tent & Bethboro,

Rev J. M. Wheary to supply Zion.

Supplies -

Rev J. M. Wheary was directed to assist Dr Rockwell in holding a protracted meeting at Tabor.

Dr Wood was directed to hold a communion at Prospect.

Dr Rumple to preach at Lenoir one Sabbath.

Dr Hepburn to preach at Poplar Tent.

The Session of Lenoir church was authorized to secure, if they desire, the services of Rev A. G. Boardman of New Castle Presbytery D.V. to conduct their Spring communion meeting.

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Recommendations -

1 That Rev C. L. Veal be directed to labor in Watauga Co. during the remainder of the year at least one Sabbath in each month, & that the Sustentation Committee be directed to pay him $150. for his service.

2. That the following change in our pastoral charges be made: That Hickory & Lenoir form one pastoral charge; & that Millsboro, Taylorsville & New Salem form one charge.

Com. of Overs't report.

3. That Prof J. H. Hill be directed to visit Bethany ch. & endeavor to bring them into compliance with the arrangement of the churches into pastoral charges.

Sub-Committees appointed -

Rev P. P. Mimm was appointed to confer with Rev J. A. Summerell with reference to laboring in the Lenoir field, also reported that he (Summerell) was committed to the Tarboro field.

Mr A. Leager was appointed to confer with Prospect with reference to their conforming to the arrangements of pastoral charges lately made.

Prof J. H. Hill to visit Bethany & endeavor to bring them into compliance with arrangements of pastoral charges.

Reports -

Rev J. M. Wheary in regard to Tabor reported that he had held an encouraging meeting at that Church.

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Rev R.B. Anderson & al. in regard to [illegible] Dent & Bethpluage - That he had visited the former & that granted him permission to employ Rev J. L. Williamson each for one half his time til the Spring meeting.

Rev P. P. Winn in regard to Shiloh. That they were unwilling to continue the arrangement of having afternoon services.

New Points occupied -

Rev A. W. White was directed to preach at 3d Centre station, at least once a month.

Rev P. P. Winn to preach at Elmwood.

R. B. Anderson Chm,

Com. & Oversight appointed.

Revs Messrs R.B. Anderson & al. R. W. Boyd & P. P. Winn with Elders A. Teagan & J. H. Fields were elected as a Committee of Oversight for the ensuing year.

Com. on books & Com. & Over. Rep'ts.

The committee to examine the Minutes of the Com. of Oversight reported that they had the books correctly & neatly kept, & the business done in accordance with the rules prescribed for their guidance.

Com { Matt. Pharr Chm,
H. V. Resnick
H. P. Helper

A vote of thanks was tendered to Centre church for hospitality, & to R. Woods for rendered aid.

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The minutes were read & approved & Presbytery adjourned to meet in Concord Town, on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in June at 2. o. Clock, P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

William M. Pharr
Stated Clerk

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Appendix to Minutes-
No 1.
Evangelistic Labor- Report to Genl. Assembly.

Concord Presbytery reports to the Genl. Assembly, that during the past year- up to Jan. 1st '84 we have been enabled to keep two Evangelists laboring in the destitute parts of our bounds, & since then we have kept one, the other having resigned.
These labors have been crowned with encouraging success.
One new church has been organized; a number of members received, & weak churches strengthened.
Similar labors, with good results, have been conducted by some of our settled pastors.

J. M. McLeary Clk.

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No 2.
Narrative:
The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully report to the Genl. Assembly to meet Vicksburg Miss.
That, in view of the truth that the growth & sanctification of the church of God depend upon the improvement of its ordinances, & the use of divinely appointed instrumentalities, we have cause for both sincere thankfulness, & unfeigned sorrow.
We have cause for thankfulness- because the great majority of our churches are supplied with the stated administrations of the word- because attendance thereon is so good- & because in so many cases the people of God assemble for prayer, & the spiritual rulers of the church seek to instruct those over whom they watch in the absence of the teaching elder.
We would also report that, in the main, religious instruction in the Catechisms of our church is imparted to the children both in families & Sabbath Schools, the latter of which are universally under the control of Church Sessions.
The Lord hath "ordained that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel."
Provision for the temporal wants of our ministers being committed to the deacons, we feel constrained to make special mention of their promptness & faithfulness in the discharge of their duties; while, at the same time, there are a few cases in which the salaries are not promptly paid, nor amply sufficient

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to the pow all worldly cares & avocations.
Our sessions almost unanimously evince respect for the authority of the Church by the appointments of delegates to church courts, & payment of their expenses.
In quite a number of cases our congregations contribute to the objects of benevolence, with the special exception of the Tuscaloosa Institute for training colored ministers.
Our people are well supplied with the current religious literature of our church, by such periodicals as N.C. Presbyterian - Christian Observer, Earnest Worker, Christian Herald, Children's Friend, & The Missionary.
We have cause for sorrow, that Family worship seems to be observed in so few comparatively, of the families of our congregations.
There has however, some improvement in the outward observance of the Sabbath, & a decrease in worldly amusements. still we have cause for profound regret that this holy day is still too often violated.
In a few of our churches there have been gracious manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of souls. With the exception of but two of our chs, no direct efforts are made for the instruction of the colored people within our bounds. This is owing to circumstances beyond the control of our church sessions.

B. L. Ball, ch,

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Systematic Benevolence.

Report for the year ending April. 1884.

Objects	No. contributing Churches	Amounts
Sustentation	24	$ 813.44
Evangelistic	21	709.20
Invalid Fund	24	146.37
For. Missions	29	1654.55
Education	20	178.51
Publication	21	70.00
Tuskaloosa Inst.	8	23.00
Total -	08	3095.07

Remarks: 4 of our 37 churches contributed to all the seven objects ordered by the Genl. Assembly; 11 to six of them; 6 to five of them; 3 to four of them; 2 to three of them; 2 to two of them; 1 to one of them & two to none of them.

Wm. W. Shaw S.C.

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Report on Sabbath Schools

Names of Schools	No. on roll. T	No. on roll. S	Average Attendance T	Average Attendance S
Back Creek	6	40	5-	30
Bethany.	7	7½	6	60
Bethesda	6	5-½	5-	39
Bethphage	8	85-	5-	60
Centre	8	70	6	40
Concord, Indell,	6	50	4	35-
Concord, Town,	17	110	14	80
" Missions.	7	55-	6	40
Davidson College	15-	120	14	80
Fifth Creek	13	125-	10	100
Franklin	8	60	6	40
Hickory	10	52	9	50
Lenoir	7	40	7	30
Mocksville	4	20	3	14
Mooresville	18	220	15-	140
Morganton	10	48	10	40
" Colored	2	60		
Newton	8	35-	7	30
Norwood	6	62	4	32
Poplar Tent.	10	90	7	60
Prospect,	10	100	7	70
Rocky River	26	345-	21	241
Salisbury	20	180	18	110
Statesville	22	145-	16	90
Taylorsville	8	75-	7	60
Third Creek	16	212	14	170
Thyatira	9	84	6	65—
Unity	8	95-	8	50

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for the year ending April 1884:

Scholars admitted to communion.	Contributions to tuition over expenses.	Contributions for other purposes.
2	$	$ 5.38.
3	6	7.00
	7.65-	18.00
2	3.25-	
2		7.60
2	2.70	
18	55.00	16.75-
	16.95-	22.78
19.	10.70	
	35.89	18.35-
	5.26	
4		
		74.05-
1	21.24	30.41
	6.00	1.60
8	141.48	3.09
6		
	20.00	50.00
15-	29.35	
7	65.69	91.65-
5-	27.80	91.67
3	8.00	3.27
18		
6		2.00
	6.04	

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Zion	6/	38	6/	38	Averages	Admitted to com. 2

Total. No. Schools 30. No. on roll. Teachers 299. Scholars 2720 admitted to the communion 123. $449.60.

Remarks: All of our 30 schools are under (2) In 20 of our schools, the pastor & in 26 the elders (3) In ten of our schools, the pastors preach (4) The Confession of Faith is taught in Catechisms in 27. (5) The Children's Friend is taken in 13 (6) In 23 schools the young people memorize (7) The Lesson papers published by our Committee (8) In nine schools there has been special (9) None of our schools take up collections but many of them contribute to Foreign (10) Our Sabbath School scholars generally (11) Only one of our 2 & 2 churches maintains

contributions for their own expenses $6.25.

Average attendance Teachers 248. Scholars 2171. Scholars contributions for their own expenses $346.34. Other purposes

the care & control of the Sessions.
attend upon the services of the Sab. School.
specially to the children.
& of our schools; the Form of Gov.t in 8; & the

of our schools; the Earnest Worker, in 16.
the Scriptures.
of Publications are used in 19 of our churches.
religious interest.
for the 7 objects ordered by the Gen. Assembly;
Missions.
attend the public preaching of the word.
a school for the colored people.

R. R. Mimm (Agt)

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Presbyterial report of Concord Presbytery

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Genl. Assembly that it comprises 17 Ministers and 39 Churches. and has under its care one Licentiate & one candidate, viz;

Ministers. Licentiates & Candidates.	Post offices	Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Added on examination
E. F. Rockwell D.D. S.S.	Cool Spring N.C.	Concord Pa.	8	5	2
" " "	" "	Bethany S.S.	5	2	4
" " "	" "	Tabor S.S.			
T. N. Paxton 2 years	Marion N.C.				
P. T. Penick P.	Mooresville "	Mooresville P.	6	7	1
B. L. Beall Evang.					
W. A. Wood D.D. P.	Statesville "	Statesville P.	9	9	6
J. Rumple D.D. P.	Salisbury "	Salisbury P.	6	7	10
Wm. Shaw P.	Mt. Mourne "	Centre P.	6	5	5
" " "	" "	Prospect P.	7	8	
A. A. Hepburn D.D.	Pres. T. College	Davidson College	4		14
N. B. Anderson D.D. P.	Morganton "	Morganton P.	3	1	2
" " "	Newton "	Newton S.S.	3	2	1
J. M. Wharey P.	Harrisburg "	Rocky River P.	10	8	24
" " S.S.	" "	Zion S.S.	4	1	2
S. K. Glasgow P.	Davidson College	Bethel P.	6	2	2
J. W. Davis. F.M.	Lochow China.				
R. W. Boyd P.	Woodleaf N.C.	Unity P.	6	4	2
" " "	" "	Franklin P.	5	6	
D. D. Mears S.S.	Statesville "	Bethesda S.S.	3	6	2
" " "	" "	Olio S.S.	3	1	1
" " "	" "	Pantaleon	2	2	3

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to the Genl. Assembly to meet at Vicksburg. Miss.

Added on Certificate	Whole No.	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Baptized not Comm.	Communicants	Scholars in Sab. School	Sab. School	Contributions	Evangelistic	Invalid Fund	For. Missions	Education	Publication	Sustentation	Presbyterial	Pastors Salary Paid	Congregational	Miscellaneous
	197		6		6	50	1		1	33	1	4		6	160	68		
1	80		2						2	7	6			1	60	16		
	23.																	
12	166		5	89	18	200	5	14	2	238	67	4		14	850	123	10	
3	217	13	11	104	22	145	10	59	6	373	12	3		71	1000	113		
7	197	3	7	70	20	180	73	135	14	116	1890	5		90	1300	1857	77	
3	112		6	128	8	70	6	29	17	93	8			24	350	78		
4	240		15	200	10	100	3	21	5	67				3	250	30		
4	58	1	3	34	15	120	15	30	10	65				11	103	1504	16	
2	131		3	86	12	108	14	31	17	60	11	9	5		750	197		
5	44		1	24	8	35	2	7	1	3	1	1	7		200	211		
12	300	4	32	250	26	345	24	128	13	62	12	10		30	984	91		
	59		5	30	6	38	9	5	2	2	3	1		2	103	21	1	
	66		2					14	5	38	2		1	9	220			
	140	2	4	80	8	75	2	36	3	49		1	1	18	375	6		
2	135		9	99	8	60	4	40	3	29	2	3	2	12	300	80		
	88		12	89	6	52	2	17	2	30		1			232	9	9	
	32		1	29				2	1	15		1			124			
2	19		[illegible]						2					4	40	6		

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Ministers & Licentiates & Candidates	Post Offices	Churches.	Elders	Deacons	Added on Examination
J. A. Ramsay P.	Mill Bridge N.C.	Thyatira P.	5	6	8
" "	" " "	Bachelor's "	4	3	4
W. B. Arrowood Ev.	Norwood "	Norwood Ev.	1		11
" "	" "	Beulah Ev.			18
A. M. While P.	Cool Spring "	Third Creek P.	3	5	18
" "	" " "	Fifth Creek P.	4	3	19
		Amsilla V.			
	Mocksville "	Mocksville P.	1		4
	Marion "	Marion Ev.	2	3	
	Mill Hill "	Bethphage P.	4	5	2
	Concord "	Concord Ev.	7	6	11
	Concord "	Poplar Tent P.	5	6	13
	Lenoir "	Lenoir V.	2	2	
	Hickory "	Hickory V.	5	4	
	Taylorsville "	Taylorsville V.	4	3	14
	Wilkesboro "	Wilkesboro	2		1
	Abernathy "	Shiloh V.	2	3	
		Old Salem V	1		
Licentiate J. C. Kennedy	Old Fort "	Old Fort V.	2		
Candidate.	Mt. Mourne "		152	127	203

Total 38.

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Added on certificate	To the Church	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Baptized Communicants	Teachers in Sab. Schools	Scholars in Sab. Schools	Assembly continued: Sab. Institutes	Evangelistic	Invalid Fund	For. Missions	Education	Publication	Dis. Colporteur Fund	Presbyterial	Pastors Salaries paid	Congregational	Miscellaneous
5	149		13	128	7	84	28	17	6	54	4	1			302	412	
3	78		10				25	10	3	24	4	1		27	375		
1	18	2	4	15	6	62	4	8	9	20	10	4		2	175	104	195
	18					5											
	190	3	2		16	212	10	3	5	6	5	2	3	11	212	95	
9	134	3	1	64	13	125	12	6	2	29	6	2			269	34	
	13.																
	39	1			4	30		2	3	5		1			254	16	2
	45																
3	170		10	125	8	85	17	30		10					330	20	
3	171		15	150	26	160	52	125	5	104	10	9		30	950	152	
1	157	1	16	60	10	90	2	21	2								
1	51			31	7	40				85	2			15		28	37
5	42			40	10	52	5		3	16	3	2	1	9	375	132	
	75	1	2	35	8	75	7		7	9	5	5		9	225	18	
2	14	1		25						15			3	27		6	
	32		5												40		
	6																
	15			20													
91.	3804.	34.	208.	2028.	276.	2618.	339.	770.	150.	1660.	204.	70.	25.	421.	10983.	7165.	349.

Wm W. Phoon S.C.

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Adjourned meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment in the Lecture room of the Presbyterian Church in Concord. on Friday May 30th 1884 at 2.0 clock P.M. and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator Rev J. Rumple D.D.

The roll was called & the following members found present;

Ministers- J. Rumple D.D. W. B. Arnowood, & J. M. Wharey.

Ruling elders:- J. J. Brumer of Salisbury, & R. C. White of Concord Church.

C.M. Payne received

Rev Charles. M. Payne was recvied on certificate, after examination, from the Presbytery of Wilmington & his name enrolled.

The call from the Concord Town, Church for the pastoral services of Rev C.M. Payne was taken from the docket & placed in his hands.

Mr Payne having signified his readiness to accept the call, it was ordered that the installation services take place tonight in the following manner; viz;

That Rev J. Rumple D.D. preside- preach the installation sermon, & propound the constitutional questions- that Rev W. B. Arnowood charge the Pastor

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& that Rev J. M. Wharey charge the people.

P.J.P. resigns

A communication was recvied from Rev P. J. Pinick offering his resignation as Chairman of the committee of Education- on the plea of failure of health- which resignation was accepted, & the Rev C. M. Payne appointed to fill his place.

C.M.P. appointed

Ruling elder C. R. White- commissioner to the last Gen. Assembly- made report of his attendance on the same at Vicksburg, which report was accepted & his diligence approved.

Ruling elder J. J. Brumer was granted leave of absence.

Recess was then taken until 8 o'clock.

After recess-

C.M.P. installed

Presbytery met & proceded to install Rev C. M. Payne Pastor over the Concord- Church- which was done according to the previous order.

After this business was concluded. Mr Payne was added to the Eastern Evangelistic Committee.

The minutes were then read & approved, & Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Thyatira on the 4th day of Sept. next. at 11.0 clock A.M.

Closed with Prayer.

J. M. Wharey temporary clerk.

W. W. Pharr Jr. C.

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Sept. 4th

Thyatira Church N. C.

Concord Presbytery met at Thyatira church Sept. 4th 1884 according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by Rev J. Rumple D.D. from I John 4:4.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, & the following present:

Ministers- R. B. Anderson D.D.,
W. B. Arrowood
B. L. Beall
R. W. Boyd
L. K. Glasgow
C. M. Payne
P. T. Penick
Wm W Pharr
J. A. Ramsay
E. F. Rockwell D.D.
J. Rumple D.D.
J. M Wharey
A. Walker White
P. P. Winn.

Absent: T. A. Paxton.
A. D. Hepburn D.D.
W. A. Wood D.D. &
John. W. Harris.

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Thyatira Church. N. C.

Ruling Elders.	Churches represented.
Moses. Tingle	Back Creek
C. McAuley	Bethesda
C. M. B. Goodnight	Bethpage
R. A. Alexander	Centre
L. F. Stevenson	Concord, Endell,
M. W. Johnston	Concord, Town,
W. J. Martin	Davidson College
J. R. B. Adams	Fifth Creek
Wilson. Trott	Franklin
H. C. Hamilton	Hickory
R. C. Lentz	Mooresville
C. A. Perkins	Morganton
T. H. Robinson	Poplar Tent
M. A. Sloop	Prospect
Wm Murdock	Salisbury
W. F. Hall	Statesville
J. B. Gibson	Thyatira
J. Douglass	Unity
S. W. White	Zion.

Rev A. Walker White was elected Moderator and Rev J. A. Ramsay & Prof. W. J. Martin temporary Clerks.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour & a half.

After recess. Presbytery met- The minutes of the last Stated & adjourned meeting were read.

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Hickory & Lenoir Call.

D. S. Craig permission granted.

Can's by Moderator appointed.

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Calls from Hickory and Lenoir churches for the pastoral services of Rev D. S. Craig of Orange Presbytery were read, each calling for one half his ministerial time - Hickory promising four hundred dollars & a manse. & Lenoir, four hundred, 400, dollars.

The call from Hickory, being in order, permission was granted them to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Orange - and the same permission granted the Lenoir church when their call shall have been properly certified to.

The Moderator announced the following committees:-

1. On the narrative to Synod - Rev J. M. Phaney and ruling elders - Messrs. Single. & J. R. B. Adams & M. L. Barnhardt.
2. Systematic Beneficence: Rev W. B. Atwood & Elders - W. F. Hall, J. B. Gibson & R. A. Alexander.
3. On the Minutes of the Genl. Assembly: Rev P. P. Mean. Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D. and elders - M. W. Johnston, & T. H. Robinson.
4. On Minutes of Synod:- Rev R. W. Boyd - and elders - E. McNeely. Wilson Trott. & M. A. Sloop.
5. Of Finance:- Ruling elders: H. C. Hamilton, Wm. Murdoch & Prof. W. J. Martin.
6. Judicial Committee: Rev J. Rumple D.D. Rev L. H. Glasgow & Elders - J. F. Stevenson & A. W. White.

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7. Bills & Overtures:- Rev C. M. Payne - Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. and elder - C. M. S. Goodnight & C. A. Perkins.
8. To nominate Trustees of Davidson College:- Rev P. P. Penick. Rev B. G. Beall and elders R. C. Lentz & J. Douglass.

Rev W. B. Tidball of Orange Presbytery, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9. o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Sept. 5th

Friday Sept. 5th 9 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

J. Rumple Trustee D. College

The Committee to nominate a Trustee of Davidson College reported - recommending the re-election of Rev J. Rumple D.D. to serve for the next four years - which was adopted.

Commissioners Report.

Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. commissioner to the last Genl. Assembly at Vicksburg - made report of his attendance on the same - which was received, & his delegacy approved.

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place & time next meeting

Presbytery chose to hold their next Stated meeting at Hickory church, on Wednesday the 22nd. before the last Sabbath of April 1885 at 7½ o, clock P. M.

Pastoral letter report. & to be read.

Rev R. W. Boyd from the committee to prepare a pastoral letter on Family Worship. made a report, which was received, approved, & ordered to be sent to the N. C. Presbyterian for publication - to be read by ministers & Sessions to all our churches - and the original copy to be filed away by the Stated Clerk.

In this connection, the following was adopted:-

I Resolved. That in addition to reading the pastoral letter on Family Worship, our pastors & supplies be instructed to preach one or more sermons on this subject.

Family worship Ministers to preach on.

II. That Sessions be instructed to carefully inquire as to the number of families in their congregations, respectively, who habitually observe this duty, and also the number neglecting it; & to use earnest efforts to have all families under their care to enter upon the performance of this duty.

Sessions Ordered

III. That at our next Spring meeting, the roll be called, & ministers and Sessions be required to report as to the performance of these duties.

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W. B. Tidball permission
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Permission was granted Rev W. B. Tidball to labor within our bounds for one year.

The Agt. of Publication made a report, which was received & approved. (See Appendix

Std. Clk. ordered.

The Stated Clerk was directed to continue to sell the Manual of Presbytery, & appropriate the proceeds to the cause of Education.

It was made the second order this afternoon, to spend one half hour in prayer, & hearing short addresses on the subject of Missions.

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Licentiate J. C. Kennedy made report of his labors, which was received & approved.

Education Report on.

The Committee of Education presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee report that, of our 39 churches, 22 have contributed to the cause of Education $ 206 - Seventeen (17) churches have failed to raise any thing viz: Olck Fort, Old Salem, Shiloh, Hillsboro, Poplar Tent, Bethphage, Siloam, Marion, Mocksville, Mt. Ursilla, Bethel, New Salem, Elio, Bethesda, Unity, Prospect, & Tabor.

From the Treasurer's supplementary

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report, it appears there is no money now in the Treasury for this cause.

We have under our care one candidate for the Ministry - Columbus. W. Maxwell, now in the Junior class, at Davidson College; & have good reports of his deportment & scholarship. Your committee recommend that $100. be appropriated for his support.

com. { C. H. Payne. / W. W. Pharr.

Presbytery took recess till 2. o'clock P. M.

After recess.

Colportage report.

Presbytery met. The Committee of Colportage presented their report which, with their books, was referred to a committee consisting of Revs J. M. Wharey, W. B. Arrowood & ruling elder W. F. Hall.

J. L. Williamson rec'd from Orange Presb'y.

Rev J. L. Williamson was received on certificate, after examination, from Orange Presbytery.

Rev J. N. H. Summerell of Orange Presbytery was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Ruling elder H. C. Hamilton from the Committee of Finance, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee of Finance, to whom the Treasurer's report was referred, would

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report, recommending that the funds in the hands of the Treasurer for Foreign Missions as reported by him, together with such other funds as may be received during this meeting - for this cause - be forwarded at once to the Assembly's Committee.

Finance Com. report.

Also that the funds in his hands for the Tuscaloosa Dust, be forwarded at once.

Treasurer ordered

Your Committee further report - that they have received $19. from the Milksboro church for the various objects of beneficence - & 40 cts from the Stated Clerk - as proceeds of the sale of the Manual for the cause of Education.

H. C. Hamilton, Chm

Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer would report the following Balances in his hands -

Commissioner's Fund -	$72.04
For Missions - -	560.98
Invalid Fund - -	14.24
Publication - -	46.24
Institution - -	133.69
Western Evangelist - -	42.89
Tuscaloosa Dust. - -	6.80
Total -	$796.63.

Respectfully submitted

C. H. Davis Treasurer

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Missions addresses

The order of the day was taken up when addresses on the subject of Missions were made by Rev J. Rumple D.D. & Rev Dr Eaton Rockwell. Presbytery was then led in prayer by Rev R. W. Boyd.

For Missions $3.000. &c.

On this connection, the following was adopted. Resolved That our pastors and Sessions be directed to present with earnestness the claims of For. Missions, and urge them so to increase their contributions as to make the sum of $3.000, in this Presbytery; the proportional part of the $100.000, desired by the Genl. Assembly to be obtained from the whole Church.

Minutes of Genl. Assy. Report.

The committee on the Minutes of the Genl. Assembly made report which was received, & the following Resolutions appended thereto adopted:

Your Committee recommend that Pres. enjoin upon the Sessions of all our churches,

1. That they take notice of infractions of the law of the Sabbath, and, when necessary, administer discipline, at least so far as admonition & reproof are concerned.
2. That they be careful to enforce the rule of discipline Chap. XV. par 2.
3. That they call the attention of the churches to the fact that business designed for our Executive Committee of Publication has often for want of proper information gone into the hands of the Presbyterian Publishing Company.

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4. That they call the attention of the churches to the merits of the "Earnest Worker," and "Children's Friend" & to the claims of our depository at Richmond, & to the fact that the Committee are now publishing a new edition of the Confession of Faith, with proof texts in full, & "The Sacraments of the New Testament" by Rev Armstrong.
5. That they endeavor to secure from the churches an annual contribution to each of the seven objects of beneficence ordered by the Genl. Assembly.

Sab. Schools

6. That they give more attention to the study, in our Sabbath Schools, of the standards of the Church, especially of the Catechisms; & that they commend to our schools our own Lesson Quarterlies, & discourage the use of the publications of unknown or irresponsible parties.

Overtures answered.

Your Committee further recommend that the special attention of all our Ministers be called to the directions of the Genl. Assembly found on page 212. par. 3. & page 213, par. 5.

Your Committee further recommend the following answer to the overture from the Genl. Assembly, recommended & sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent, found on page 248; The Presbytery of Concord hereby consent & advise- "That the Confession of Faith be amended by striking out from Sec. 4. Chap. 24. the following words-

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"The man may not marry any of his wife's Kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own, nor the woman of her husband's Kindred nearer in blood than her own."

Overture.

com. { P. D. Penick
E. F. Rockwell
T. H. Robinson

Leave of absence was granted - Rev's P. D. Penick. B. L. Beall + ruling elders - H. C. Hamilton. E. A. Perkins. R. C. Lentz. and M. L. Barnhardt.

Calls from P. Tent + Bethphage returned

The calls from Poplar Tent + Bethphage for the pastoral services of Rev J. L. Williamson were taken from the docket - when Presbytery declined to place the calls in his hands - + ordered them to be returned to the churches.

J. L. W. — P. Tent + Bethphage

Permission was granted Rev J. L. Williamson to labor in Poplar Tent and Bethphage churches until the next stated meeting of Presbytery - or until other satisfactory arrangements be made.

The committee to whom the book and report of the Committee of Colportage were referred - reported, recommending their approval - report adopted.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow morning 9. o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Saturday Sept. 6. 1884. 9. o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met + was opened with prayer.

The roll was called + the minutes of yesterday read + approved.

Manual to be revised

The following was adopted: Resolved - That a committee of three be appointed to revise our Presbyterial Manual, + besides revising the subject matter of the Manual, the Committee is instructed to prepare a complete roll of the churches, with date of organization, + date of extinction if no longer existing, and a roll of all the Ministers of the Presbytery from its organization, with date of licensure + ordination, field of labor, death or removal, with such other facts as may be compendiously stated.

com.

Rev Messrs J. Rumple M.M. J. A. Ramsay + P. D. Penick were appointed as the Committee contemplated in the above resolution.

The committee on the Narrative made a report which was accepted, + ordered to be forwarded to Synod - as follows:

Narrative -

Concord Presbytery thankfully report to the Synod of N. Carolina that the year past has been one of unusual success in our work. We have reports from 21 of our churches at our present meeting, + all save one present an encouraging aspect of church work.

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Especially are these favorable with reference to the matters of attendance upon church ordinances, Observance of the Sabbath. The cause of Temperance. The maintainance of Bible Classes & Sabbath schools. & contributions to the causes of benevolence.

In all these particulars we are assured that there has been no change for the worse, & in many instances there has been decided improvement.

We are grieved to say that in reference to Family Worship and Prayer Meetings, especially the first, the reports are not favorable. Presbytery has taken steps to awaken greater interest on the part of Heads of families to the important matter of Household religion, which we trust will bear much fruit in various ways.

Five of our churches report special seasons of Revival, resulting in additions to the church in each case, varying from 12 to 30 members. May the Lord yet more abundantly bless us, and to Him shall be all the glory.

com { Jull. Mc Leary
Moses. Lewis
J. R. B. Adams &
M. L. Bonham }

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Manse-Stanly Co.

The following was adopted: Presbytery having learned of the great importance, to the success and permancy of our work in Stanly Co. of securing a manse for our Evangelist. Hereby enjoin upon all our church Sessions that a special collection be taken up for this object, at such time before the 1st Jan. next as may seem best.

Presbytery further recommends, that this collection be raised on the approaching National Thanksgiving day.

The committee on Systematic Beneficence reported recommending that the Stated Clerk forward to Synod - the report on this subject adopted at the last Spring meeting - which was adopted, & the committee discharged.

The committee on Bills & Overtures reported no business in their hands - & were discharged.

The Judicial Committee reported no business in their hands. & were discharged.

Col. T. H. Robinson was excused for absence.

Presbytery took recess till 1½ o'clk

After recess - 1½ o'clk P. M.

Presbytery met.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod made the following report which was accepted & adopted:- Your Committee would report that they find but one item requiring

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the attention of the Presbytery; viz- resolutions on the subject of Sabbath Schools found on page 403. With reference to these they recommend:

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I. That we advise our Sessions to endeavor to induce parents to attend Sabbath School with their children. Thus the young may be taught both by precept & example to value their priveleges, & the adults themselves being formed into classes may, by devotional study of the Scriptures and Standards of our church, be built up in the most holy faith.

Sab. School convention

II. That we hold a Sabbath School convention at the church, where the Presbytery meets in the fall, of each year, on the day previous to the meeting of Presbytery, & that we urge all our churches & Schools to send several delegates for the purpose of discussing and exemplifying the best methods of successfully conducting the work.

And that the order of the exercises be under the direction of the A. C. of Sabbath Schools.

Com. { R. W. Boyd, E. McNeely, Wilson Trott, & W. A. Sloop.

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Rev R. B. Anderson M. D. from the Committee of Oversight reported, that there is a prospect of soon having all our churches supplied with the regular ministration of the Word. This report was accepted & approved.

Rule changed Com. Ov.

The rule requiring the Committee of Oversight to meet once a month was changed so as to require them to meet on Saturday previous to fifth Sabbaths at some vacant church - if there be any, & that they meet at other times & places at their discretion.

T. J. T. Sketch &c.

The Committee to prepare a Biographical Sketch of Rev Thomas. J. Thurston presented their report - which was received, adopted, ordered to be recorded in our Book of Biographical Sketches, & a copy to be sent to the family of the deceased brother.

P. P. Winn. Clk

Presbytery heard Prof. W. J. Martin concerning the interests of Davidson College & the church at that place.

Collection for Bible cause

Presbytery urges its churches to devote the collection of one Sabbath each year to the Bible cause.

Salem. Ch. property &c.

A Committee consisting of Rev P. P. Winn. R. B. Anderson M. D. & ruling elder W. F. Hall was appointed to look into the condition of the church & church property of Old Salem.

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The thanks of Presbytery were tendered to the people of Thyatira for their kindness & hospitality toward the members of this body.

Adjourned meeting

It was ordered that when this Presbytery adjourns - it adjourn to meet in Winston during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Com. Oversight. Salem & Shiloh

The Committee of Oversight was directed to notify the churches of Salem & Shiloh of our rule as to arrearages, & that Presbytery insists upon enforcing this rule in their cases.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Winston at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William M. Sloan.
Stated Clerk

Approved as far as written.

P. J. Pinick. Mod^r.

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Appendix No 1.

Report on Colportage.

Your A & T. would report, that since last report two important changes have been made in the publication work.

Only $33.650 of the $400.000. of Bonds ordered by the Assembly of 1882, have been issued. Of this amt, $36.000. was paid to redeem the mortgage on the Publishing house, & the remainder applied for the payment of bills for stock of Books purchased. $45-00. of these bonds have been redeemed, leaving out-standing $29.150. The receipts from all the Chs. Sab. Schools & individuals were $7.900.18. being less than last year - but rather above the average.

Total amt. contributed by this Presbytery to Publication is $70. This amount was contributed by 21. Churches. The remaining churches contributed nothing to this cause. 8 of the contributing Churches gave the nominal sum of $1. each. The largest amt. given by any church was $10. from Rocky River. This is perhaps accounted for by the fact that our churches do not feel the interest in this cause, they do in others, & also the confidence of the churches has not been regained; & perhaps that still others do not approve of the method of conducting the business.

J. A. Ramsay, A & T

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No. 2.

Statistical Report

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of N. Carolina — that they consist of 19 ministers & 39 churches, & have under their care one Lecentiate & one Candidate;

They report further, that on the 6th of Oct. 1883, they installed A. Walker White pastor of Third Creek church, & on the 13th of Oct, pastor of Fifth Creek; that on Nov. 4th 1883, they installed Rev T. G. Thurston pastor of Hickory church; that on the 17th of Oct. 1883, they organized the Eulah church in Stanly Co. with 18 members; that on the 15 of Jan, 1884, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev Wm W. Pharr & the church of Bethphage, & on the 16th of Feb. 1884, installed him pastor of Prospect; that on the 22nd of Feb. 1884, they lost by death, the Rev T. G. Thurston; that on 24th of April 1884, they dismissed, at his request Rev C. A. Monroe to Greenbrier Presbytery Va. & on the same day received Columbus. N. Maxwell under the care of Pby. as a Candidate for the gospel ministry; that on the 30th of May last, they received Rev C. M. Payne from the Presbytery of Wilmington, & on the same day installed him pastor of Concord Town church; that they received from Orange Presbytery, Sept 6th 1884, the Rev J. G. Williamson; that their next Stated meeting will be held at Hickory Wednesday 7½ o'clk P.M. 29th of April 1885.

Wm W. Pharr S.C.

1884.
Oct. 2nd

Winston N.C.

Concord Presbytery met according to adjournment, in Brown's Hall Winston N.C. Oct. 2nd 1884, at the call of the Moderator Rev J. Rumple D.D. And was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called, & the following present-
Ministers- E. F. Rockwell D.D. P. J. Pénick
J. Rumple D.D. Wm W. Pharr. J. A. Ramsay.
R. W. Boyd, & J. L. Williamson.

Ruling Elders- J. D. McAuley- Salisbury.
R. H. Morrison Rocky River.
R. Culbertson Unity.
A. F. Goodman- Thyatira.
E. B. Stimson- Statesville.
J. H. Garvin. Newton.
J. R. McAuley- Centre.
A. Johnston- Poplar Tent.
E. M. Stevenson- Taylorsville.

P. Tent, call. J. L. W—

A call for the pastoral services of Rev J. L. Williamson from Poplar Tent Church was read, promising him a salary of $650. and use of a house and land attached, for the whole of his ministerial time. The call was placed in his hands- & permission granted him, at his request, to hold it until the next regular Spring meeting.

Presbytery then took recess until 5. o, clock P. M.

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After recess.

J. A. Harris rec'd as candidate.

Presbytery met. A certificate was read from the Session of Concord Church (Isdell) concerning John A Harris, a candidate for the ministry stating that he was a member of that church- that he possessed a good reputation in the congregation for piety, good practical sense, prudence and humility, & was free from mental infirmities, or eccentricities of character, which, in their opinion, would mar his usefulness.

After a sustained examination on personal religion, & his motives for seeking the ministry, Mr Harris was received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry- put on the roll of beneficiaries, & referred to the Committee of Education.

Col Portage Com. 4C. $15-)

The Committee of Colportage were granted permission to pay our Colporteur, Mr R. H. Morrison- $15- dollars per month in addition to his present remuneration.

It was ordered that the grouping of the churches be so changed, as to make Poplar Tent self-sustaining, and unite Col Portage & Zion.

Rev J. L. Williamson was then granted permission to labor the whole of his time at Poplar Tent, until next Spring meeting under the terms of the call.

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Rev W. A. Wood rendered satisfactory excuses for absence from the last three meetings of this body.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

Oct. 3d

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer by the Moderator Rev J. Rumple & S.

G. M. Gibbs rec'd

Rev G. M. Gibbs was received on certificate from Fayetteville Presbytery, after the usual examination, & his name put on the roll.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator

Closed with prayer.

Oct. 4th

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator and was opened with prayer.

" The roll was called & a quorum was found present.

There being no further business- Presbytery adjourned to meet in the presbyterian church in Hickory on Wednesday the 22nd of April 1885 at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Wm W. Pharr.
Stated Clerk.

1884
Nov. 12.

Statesville N.C.

Special meeting.

Concord Presbytery met in pursuance of the following call of the Moderator, in the presbyterian church of Statesville, Nov. 12th 1884 at 8½ o'clock P.M. and was opened with prayer by the Moderator; viz;

Statesville N.C.
Nov. 3d 1884.

Dear Sir.

"You are hereby informed of a called meeting of Concord Presbytery to be held in the Presbyterian church of Statesville on Wednesday the 12th of Nov. at 8½ o'clock P.M. To consider calls from the Lenoir & Hickory churches for the pastoral services of Rev C. A. Tillotson, &, if the way be clear, to grant these churches permission to prosecute said calls before Greenbrier Presbytery W. Va."

A. Walker White, Moderator.

The roll being called, the following were found present-

Ministers- Rev R. Anderson D.D. G. M. Gibbs A. W. White. P. P. Penn & W. A. Wood D.D.

Ruling Elders- P. C. Hall of Hickory Church. & W. F. Hall of Statesville Church.

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Rev P.S. Winn was appointed to act as temporary Clerk,

Ruling Elder P.C. Hall - Commissioner from Hickory and Lenoir churches presented

Calls Hickory & Lenoir,

calls from the above churches for the pastoral services of Rev C.A. Monroe - each promising $400 dollars for one half of his time - and officially requested that said churches be permitted to prosecute these calls before the Greenbrier Presbytery.

The calls from Hickory & Lenoir being found in order, Presbytery granted them permission to prosecute them, through their Commissioner, before the Greenbrier Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned, sine die,

Closed with prayer.

William W. Pharr

1885-
March 4.

Statesville N.C.

Special meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met in the presbyterian church Statesville, March 4th 1885 - and was opened with prayer by the Moderator Rev A. Walker White; in pursuance of the following call:

In accordance with the provisions of "Form of Gov. Chap. V. Sec. IV. par. VIII. you are hereby informed of a called meeting of Concord Presbytery to be held in the Statesville presbyterian church, on Wednesday the 4th of March 1885; at 11 o'clock A. M. to consider and act upon a petition for the organization of a presbyterian church at Troutman's depot.

Feb. 21st 1885. A. Walker White, Mod,

The roll was called, & the following present: Ministers - W. A. Wood M.D. P.P. Winn & A. Walker White.

Ruling elders - W. F. Hall of Statesville church, G. F. Stevenson of Concord church (absent),

Rev P.P. Winn was appointed to act as temporary Clerk.

Petition for N. organization Troutman's depot.

A petition was read, signed by 24 residents of Troutman's depot and vicinity, asking for the organization of a presbyterian church at that place, & proposing to become members thereof, and by 7 others proposing to be supporters of the same.

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Thereupon, the following Committee was appointed to visit that place and to organize a church, if this may be clear:- Ministers- P. P. Winn, W. A. Woodside, and A. W. White; ruling Elders- W. F. Hall, E. McAuley and J. H. Hill

Presbytery then adjourned, sine die.

Closed with prayer.

William W. Pharr S. C.

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April 22nd

Hickory N. C.

The Presbytery of Concord met in the Presbyterian church of Hickory April 22nd 1885 at 7. o'clock P. M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev A. Walker White Moderator from 1 John 5:4.

After which, Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called & the following present; Ministers- W. B. Anderson D.D., W. B. Atwood, P. F. Pinckney, Wm Pharr, J. A. Ramsay, E. F. Rockwell D.D., J. M. Wharey & A. Walker White. During the Session the following misters appeared & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness: J. Rumple D.D., P. P. Winn, L. B. Glasgow, J. L. Williamson, W. A. Woodside D.D., R. W. Boyd, & D. L. Hall. Absent without written excuse-

Ruling Elders-	Churches Represented.
J. K. Goodman -	Back Creek
W. B. Gibson -	Bethany.
E. M. McAuley -	Centre
R. W. Gibson -	Concord & Rudd,
W. J. Martin -	Davidson College
R. W. Johnston -	Hickory.
E. W. Faucette -	Lenoir
J. K. Gamble -	Manor
S. C. Rankin -	Mooresville
A. J. Leagh -	Newton.
J. B. Burgin -	Old Fort.

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Ruling Elders - Churches represented
T. E. Martin - Rocky River.
J. Lentz - New Salem
O. H. Davis - Salisbury.
J. C. McRary - Siloam
E. M. Stevenson - Taylorsville
R. N. Fleming - Third Creek
J. T. Finley - Wilkesboro.

Rev B. B. Anderson D.D. was chosen Moderator & Rev J. A. Ramsay and C. W. Fancille temporary clerks

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock & closed with prayer.

April 23d

Thursday morning
April 23d

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called & a quorum present.

The minutes of the last regular & adjourned meetings & also of a called meeting were read & approved.

Corresponding members

During the sessions the following being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members: Rev Messrs W. B. Tidball of Orange Presbytery, R. Z. Johnston of Mecklenburg presbytery & Rev J. B. Mack D.D. of Charleston Presbytery S.C.

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And the following being present were invited to sit as visiting members: Rev Messrs Gurley of the Reformed Church - Caldwell of the M. E. Church & J. Ingold of the Reformed Church.

Visiting members

Church organized at Frontsman's Depot.

The Committee appointed to organize a church at Frontsman's Depot reported the following:- The Committee met at Frontsman's Depot March the 14th 1885. Three members of the Committee were present. Testimonials were received on behalf of 18. persons who were members of the church, 17 being from the Evangelical Lutheran Church & one from Bethesda Church. with these a church was organized in accordance with Chap. II. Sec. V of Form of Government. Miles Houstshowser & John V. Mulchor were elected, ordained, & installed as ruling Elders; & M. Jay. Houstshowser as deacon.

Com { S. P. Winn. E. McNeely & W. S Hall

This report was received & adopted. & the name of the Frontsman Depot church ordered to be put upon the roll of Churches & the name of John V. Mulchor to be enrolled as the ruling Elder from said Church.

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The Moderator announced the following Committees:-

1 On Narratives to Genl. Assembly- Rev P. D. Rennick- W. J. Martin & J. T. Finley.

2. Evangelistic Work- Rev J. M. Wharey, C. M. Davis & J. K. Goodman.

3. Systematic Beneficence- Rev W. C. Norwood J. C. McKay & R. A. Fleming.

Committees by Mod. 4. On Minutes of Synod- Rev E. F. Rockwell M.D. Rev D. R. Glasgow & J. K. Goodman.

5. Finance- E. M. Stevenson & J. H. Grundy.

6. On Report & Records of Committee of Sustentation Rev J. L. Williamson- A. M. Furr & R. K. Russell.

7. Judicial Com. Rev E. F. Rockwell M.D. R. W. Gibson & E. M. McNeely.

8. Bills & Overtures- Rev A. Walker White E. W. Faucette & A. J. Eagle.

9. Devotional Exercises- Rev P. D. Rennick & R. W. Johnston

10. On Sessional Records- Rev A. Walker White J. S. Harris, J. B. Burgin & J. Lentz.

Old Salem Ch property

The Committee to examine into the property question of Old Salem church- reported the duty not performed. The report was received & the Committee discharged; & the following Committee appointed in their stead; viz: Rev A. Walker White & ruling elder E. M. Stevenson.

Committee appointed.

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The roll was called & Presbytery heard reports of ministers & ruling Elders as to the extent to which Family worship is observed in our churches.

Devotional Exercises reported.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported- recommending that Rev J. M. Wharey preach this evening at 8. o'clock. that Rev J. A. Ramsay preach tomorrow at 11. A. M. & Rev Tidball at 8. P. M. which report was accepted & adopted.

Church Reports.

It was ordered that the Narratives from the churches & the Statistical Reports be read & referred to the appropriate Committees & that the reports on Sabbath Schools be referred to the Ag't. of Sabbath Schools without reading.

Presbytery then took a recess till 3. o'clock P. M.

After recess Presbytery met. A Committee was appointed to consider the propriety of consolidating the Committees of Sustentation, Evangelistic Work & Committee of Oversight, & to report such expedient to report rules for the Government of the Consolidated Committee. Revd Messrs W. A. Wood M.D. P. D. Rennick & ruling elder J. T. Finley were appointed on the above Committee.

Consolidation of Committees.

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Deaths of G.M. Gibbs & T.N. Patton announced.

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The deaths of Rev G. M. Gibbs & Rev T. N. Patton being announced; a committee consisting of Rev E.F. Rockwell sr. & J.H. Saunders, was appointed to bring in a minute touching their deaths.

Com. on Minutes of Synod report.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported that the Synod's Minutes had not yet come to hand, & asked to be discharged - the report was received & the request granted.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer of Presbytery made the following report, which was received & approved, viz:

The Presbyterial Treasurer would report the following balances on hand:

Commissioner's Fund	$ 177.31
Education - -	57.95
Foreign Missions - -	266.35
Invalid Fund - -	43.61
Publication - -	91.91
Sustentation - -	122.54
Tuscaloosa Indy - -	10.00
Norwood Manse - - -	35.20
Total - -	813.24

Nothing has been received from any candidate for the ministry for money advanced him by the Presbytery while at College. The assessments on the various churches for the Commissioner's Fund

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should be promptly paid in order to meet the large demands which will be shortly made on that fund, aggregating about $400. These demands being larger this year than usual.

O. H. Davis. Treasurer

Rev P. F. Reneke as principal, with Rev P.P. Winn as his alternate & Dr. M. W. Hill as ruling elder of Statesville church, with E.P. Pence of the Mooresville church - were chosen as commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly to meet at Houston Texas.

Commissioners To Genl. Assy.

A communication from the chairman of the Sustentation Com. was read & referred to the Com. of Oversight.

P.P. Winn resigned &c

Rev P. P. Winn tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee of Oversight, which was accepted.

C.A. Monroe

Rev C. A. Monroe was granted leave to labor within our bounds until next meeting of Presbytery.

It was made the order of the day for tomorrow 10.0 Clock A.M. to hear the Agt. of For. Missions.

N. College & Bethphage Supplies.

Davidson College Church & the Church of Bethphage were granted permission to employ supplies for their churches during the summer months, or until the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

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Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9. o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

April 24th

Friday morning April 24.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called & the Minutes of Yesterday read & approved.

J.E. Williamson accepts a call from Poplar Tent

Rev J. E. Williamson having signified his willingness to accept the call placed in his hand from the Poplar Tent Church; a committee was appointed, consisting of Rev J. E. Williamson & Ruling Elder A. Johnston to arrange for his installation.

Finance Com. Report.

The Committee of Finance made the following report which was received & approved:

Your Committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's Book & find his accounts kept in a business-like manner - correctly balanced to the end of the ecclesiastical year April 1st. & he has exhibited to us his vouchers corresponding with the charges therein for disbursement.

E. A. Stimson Chr

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The Committee on Bills & Overtures made the following report, which was received, adopted & ordered to be sent to the Genl. Assembly:-

Com. on Bills & Overtures report.

The Presbytery of Concord overtures the Genl. Assembly which is to convene on the third Thursday of May 1885 at Houston Texas as follows:

I. To recommend to the Presbyteries that they give their advice & consent to amend the Book of Church Order by striking out par. 3 of Chapter 7. which reads as follows:

Overture.

"Amendments to the Confession of Faith & the Catechisms of this church may be made only upon the recommendation of one Genl. Assembly, the concurrence of at least three-fourths of the Presbyteries, & the enactment of the same by a subsequent Assembly."

II. To recommend to the Presbyteries that they give their advice & consent to amend the Confession of Faith of the Church by the addition of the following, to be entitled Chapter 34:

Amendments to the Confession of Faith & the Catechisms of this Church may be made only upon the recommendation of one Genl. Assembly, the concurrence of at least three-fourths of the Presbyteries, & the enactment of the same by a subsequent Assembly.

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Com. to install J. L. Williamson

The Committee to arrange for the installation of Rev J. L. Williamson of the Poplar Tent church reported, recommending that Rev Mr Shaw preside, preach the sermon, propose the constitutional questions & deliver the charge to the pastor & that Rev C. A. Payne deliver the charge to the people. And that the installation take place on the 9th day of May 1885.

This report was received & adopted.

J. L. Williamson Chm

Com. on Narrative Report.

The Committee on the Narrative to the Gen. Assembly made a report, which was received & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

Eastern Evangelistic com. Report.

The Eastern Evangelistic committee offered the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Eastern Evangelistic Committee would respectfully report to Presbytery that, by the blessing of God, we have been enabled to continue our Evangelist in Stanly County. His salary up to the 1st of Jan. 1885 has been fully paid. We propose to continue his services during the present year, & pledge him an addition to his salary of $100. i.e. $800 for the year 1885 - with the use of a Manse.

The work is progressing satisfactorily, and is steadily growing in interest & hopeful results. A new church "Mizpah"

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has been recently organized with a membership of six persons with good prospects of enlargement.

The Committee urged Presbytery to take some steps to secure the $500. pledged at its last meeting, for the purpose of securing a Manse at Norwood. Only about $200. of this amount has been as yet collected.

J. M. Sharpe Chm

Norwood Manse.

Consolidation Com. Report.

Rev W. A. Wood asked from the Committee to take into consideration the propriety of consolidating the Committees of Sustentation, Evangelistic Work & Oversight - made report, which, being amended, was adopted, & is as follows:

1. Resolved that the standing rules of this Presbytery declaring the duties of the above named Committees are hereby rescinded & the Committees are hereby discharged.

2. That a Committee consisting of Rev Messrs R. B. Anderson asked, J. Rumple asked, W. A. Wood asked & Ruling Elders J. G. Hall & J. H. Hill be appointed to be called the Committee of Home Missions, who shall be governed by the following rules:

Home Missions Rules.

1st That the Committee of Home Missions is instructed to elect as many Evangelists as can be supported by the money contributed for this purpose.

2nd That this Committee shall endeavor to supply the vacant churches with the regular

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ministration of the Word, & secure systematic & liberal contributions for this purpose from all the churches within our bounds.

3d. They shall also include under their charge Church extension & the relief of disabled ministers.

4th. In the interim of the Presbytery, a vacant Church may employ a stated supply, with the approval of this Committee.

5th. This Committee shall search out suitable points for occasional services on Sabbath evenings or other times, to be supplied by neighboring ministers.

Rules for Home Mission Com.

6th. This Committee may appoint such committees to carry on any part of its work, & especially it may appoint a committee to take charge of the Eastern Evangelistic field, & set apart certain churches to support that work.

7th. That this Committee shall make a full report of its proceedings to every stated meeting of Presbytery.

III. It was further resolved, that the churches be urged to contribute annually the following sums of money for the support of our Evangelists:-

Assessments on the churches for Evangelistic work.

Back Creek	$ 27.	Bethphage	$ 36.25
Bethany	30.	Centre	36.
Bethel	27.	Elio	9.
Bethesda	27.		

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Assessments for Evangelistic work.

Davidson College	$ 45.	
Concord, Endell	42.	
Concord, Town	10 5.	12 5-
Drusilla	3.	
Fifth Creek	33.	
Franklin	36.	
Hickory	27.	
Lenoir	27.	-
Marion	15.	
Mocksville	12.	
Morganton	45.	
Mooresville	42.	
Newton	21.	
Norwood	6.	-
Poplar Tent	60.	25-
Prospect	45.	
Rocky River	105.	100
Salem	3.	
Salisbury	105.	125-
Shiloh	9.	-
Statesville	99.	
Siloam	9.	
Tabor	9.	
Taylorsville	27.	
Third Creek	39.	
Thyatira	36.	
Unity	36.	
Wilkesboro	9.	
Zion	9.	5-
	$ 12.51	

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4 That the collections from the churches for Evangelistic work be forwarded to the Treasurer of Presbytery, & be subject to the order of the Home Mission Committee.

W. A. Woodcock

Foreign Missions Report.

The Agt. Foreign Missions offered the following report, which was received & approved:

Your Agt. would report that, of our 39 churches 29 report contributions to Foreign Missions amounting to $181.63. An average of about 50 cts per member. 10 churches report no collections, viz; Tabor, Bethel, Elis. Amsville, Mocksville, Lebanon, Shiloh, Old Fort, Troutman, & Marion.

From the last named church there has been sent forward $20. by members in a private way, & not reported through their church.

There has been a gain over last year in contributions to this cause to the amount of $156.63.

Only 5 churches contribute above the rate of $1.00 per member, viz; Statesville, Mooresville, Davidson College, Lenoir & Unity.

There is no information before your Agt, by which he can determine what proportion of the contributions came through the ladies Missionary Societies & Sabbath Schools.

R. Boyd Agt.

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Presbytery took a recess until 3. o'clock P. M.

After recess

Presbytery met, and the Committee on Evangelistic work made the following report which was received, approved & ordered to be sent to the Genl. Assembly:-

Eva. Report.

Concord Presbytery respectfully reports to the Genl. Assembly to meet at Houston Texas May 21st 1885, that during the year ending April 1st 1885, We have kept one Evangelist in the field the whole time at a salary of $100. per annum, and one other for 4 months of the year. The results have been encouraging, & we hope to have two Evangelists continuously at work hereafter.

J. M. Wheeler Cler

Sessional Records Report.

The Committee on Sessional Records made a report, which was amended & adopted & the exceptions noted on the books to which reference is had:

The following Records were approved without exception, viz; Statesville, Troutman's Depot, Rocky River, Third Creek, Norwood & Zion.

The following approved with one exception, viz: Thyatira, Unity, Prospect, Fifth Creek, Bethphage, Davidson College, Poplar Tent, Back Creek, Hickory, Newton, Mooresville, Concord, Endell,

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The following with two exceptions, viz:
New Salem, Taylorsville, Concord, Town,
Morganton, Bethany & Bethesda.
The following with three exceptions, viz:
Marion, Shiloh, Salisbury, Bethel, &
Lenoir.
The following with six exceptions viz:
Centre.
It was ordered that the Rev J. B. Mack M. D.,
Agt, of Davidson College be heard, concerning the
claims of that Institution, to night after
divine worship.
The Committee to prepare a minute concerning
the deaths of Rev G. M. Gibbs & Rev T. N. Paxton,
offered the following, which was accepted &
adopted by a rising vote, viz:

Rev G. M. Gibbs
Rev T. N. Paxton
Ministers of
this Church.

From a printed Memoir of Rev G. M. Gibbs
we learn that he was born of pious parents
members of the Episcopal Church in Bladen
Co. N. C. Dec 13th 1807. When 18 years of age
he joined the Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville
N. C. And in 1833, he entered Jefferson
College Pa, He appears to have finished
his course there according to the Catalogue
in 1837. He went immediately to
Union Seminary Va. & remained
there one year, then he taught School &
studied Theology with Rev D. A. Penick
in Cabarrus Co. N. C.
He was licensed to preach by Fayetteville

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Presbytery, June 6th 1842, & ordained as an
Evangelist by Concord Presbytery in 1847.
From which time until his death, he was
in labors more abundant in various
parts of the State. He died at Morganton
Feb. 2nd 1885, from exposure to cold, aged
77 years, & ended his labors with a large
reward.
His name & character will be embalmed
in the hearts of many whom he aided in
the holy ministry as a man of faithful-
ness & love.
His estimable wife had preceded him
but several children survive to honor
his memory.

Rev T. N. Paxton was a native of Rockbridge
Co. Va. born in 1810. Of pious parents.
He graduated at Washington College Va.
& went to Union Seminary Va. & was
Licensed & Ordained by Lexington
Presbytery.
He came to N. C. and joined Concord
Presbytery Sept 1852, during a meeting of
Synod at Rocky River church.
He took charge of the churches of Marion
& Lebanon in McDowell Co. & remained
in that region until his death on the 14th
of February 1885, aged 74 years.

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Some time before his death he was stricken with paralysis & suffered intensely for 10 months; at length he closed his labors & his pains at once— a man of great sincerity of ardent piety & highly useful & held the pen of a ready writer.

He gradually came to rest in the Lord, having no children; but a sorrowing wife to mourn him, but to join him in another world where death & sorrow can not come.

E. F. Rockwell
com, J. H. Grumbe

Sys. Benev. Report. The Committee on Systematic Benevolence presented their report, which was received, approved & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

Com. to revise the Manual Report. Rev J. Rumple D.D. Chairman of the Committee to revise the Manual of the Presbytery & add certain historical tables— reported progress— the report was accepted & the Committee continued.

The Committee on the report of the Sustentation Committee— reported no business & were discharged.

Sab. Schools Report. Agt. of Sab. Schools presented a report, which was received, approved & ordered to be sent to the Genl. Assembly.

P. P. Winn Agt.

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The Committee on Bills & Overtures reported no further business & were discharged.

Presbytery took recess until after divine services.

After recess, Presbytery met & heard an address on the interests of Davidson College by Rev J. B. Mack D.D. Agt. of the College.

The attention of delinquent churches was directed to be called to the action of last meeting of Presbytery in regard to the building of a church in Norwood.

Norwood Church &c.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday April 25th

April 25th Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called & a quorum present.

The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

Home Mission Com. Report. The Committee of Home Missions made a report, which was received & adopted & was to have been sent to the Stated Clerk "by mail"; This report has never come to hand.

Com. to prepare biographical report. Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D. & J. H. Grumbe were appointed a committee to prepare Biographical Sketches of Rev D. N. Paxton & Rev G. M. Gibbs to be presented at the next regular meeting.

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Leave of absences

During the Sessions leave of absence after the evenings sessions of the 3d day was granted to the following members. viz; Ruffin Sessions E. F. Rockwell & sr. J. G. Williamson B. L. Brall. P. T. Penick. L. K. Glasgow. Wm. Pharr and Ruling Elders: W. E. Hall. T. L. Allaston. W. B. Gibson. R. W. Gibson. N. Johnston. J. T. Finley. J. K. Goodman. S. M. Furr. R. B. Baily. A. J. Seagle. Wm Clark. E. M. McNeely. M. W. Johnston. J. H. Grunder. and J. V. Melchor.

The following was adopted:

Note of thanks.

Resolved that the hearty thanks of this body are returned to the citizens of Hickory for their generous hospitality extended to us; to the R. Road Companies who have favored us with reduced rates of travel. & to the churches which have tendered to us the use of their houses of worship.

The Minutes were read & approved.

Adjourned.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian church of Mooresville on Wednesday Oct. 14th at 7½ o'clock P. M. as the Place & time of the next Stated meeting.

Closed with singing. prayer & the apostolic benediction.

Wm. Pharr. Stated Clerk

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Appendix No 1.

Narrative. (8 sheets copy)

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully report to the Gen. Assembly to meet in Houston Texas - that we have no announcement to make of any mighty works accomplished for the cause of Christ, during the past year. No great victories over the Kingdom of darkness have been achieved.

The word of God has been regularly dispensed in most of our churches, but there has been no large increase in the attendance upon the public means of grace.

In nearly all our Churches, social prayer meetings are held, but family worship is sadly neglected; & in the majority of our Christian households from no family alter are the sacrifices of prayer & praise offered to God.

The Presbytery having noted the prevalence of this neglect of a manifest duty, has instituted measures by which it is hoped that, with the blessing of God, this evil may be corrected.

Our people generally observe the Sabbath & the rules of the Church forbidding Intemperance & worldly amusements, still the Spirit of worldliness prevails to a lamentable degree: & from only a few of our Churches have we come the glad tidings of a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. While we express our thanks to God for what he has done for us, we have to lament that our want of faith has prevented a richer blessing from his hand.

P. T. Penick Clerk

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Systematic Benevolence.

Report for the year ending April 1885.

Objects	No. Contributing Churches.	Amount
Institutation	27	$ 513.00
Evangelistic	20	658.00
Invalid Fund	25	174.00
For. Missions	22	1887.00
Education	26	1029.00
Publication	23	91.00
Dust Catalpa Dust	9	26.00
Total	29.	4328.00

29 Churches have contributed; 7 have contributed to all the Objects ordered by the Assembly; 11 have contributed to six of them; 4 to five of them; 1 to two of them & one to 1 of them. 8 have not contributed to any of them so far as reported.

Wm W. Shaw S.C.

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Presbytrial of Concord Presbytery to the Gnl. Assembly to meet at Houston Texas.

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Gnl. Assembly that it comprises 18 ministers & 40 churches, and has under its care one Licentiate & two candidates, viz;

Ministers, Licentiates & Candidates.	Post Office	Churches.	Elders	Deacons	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Whole No.	Mantle Baptized	Infants Baptized	Baptized	Non-Comm.	Teachers in Bible Classes.	Scholars in Bible Classes.	Institutions	Communicants	Added	Removed	Died	Suspended & Excluded	Presbyterial	Pastor's Salary	Congregational	Miscellaneous
E. F. Rockwell S.S.	Cool Spring	Concord 2nd	8	5	17	3	196		6		6	70	4		30	1	4		4	88	13	1	
P. J. Pinick P.	Mooresville	Mooresville	6	7	11	14	179		6	79	10	235	7	18	9	246	15	4		14	850	109	100	
B. L. Beall W.C.																							
W. A. Wood D.D. P.	Statesville	Statesville	9	8	25	15	245	1	7	108	21	160	16		4	350	10	2		53	1000	207	130	
J. Rumple D.D.	Salisbury	Salisbury	6	7	3	2	198	1	9	70	19	175	39	125	15	125	600	5		80	1300	1575		
Wm. Phair	Mooresville	Centre	6	5	6	1	120	1	5	114	8	75	21	13	10	90	27	3	5	2	350	12		
" "	"	Prospect	6	7	4	8	230		15	200	9	75	6	7	9	58	16	2		23	400	145		
A. A. Hepburn D.D. Pby. M.	College	Davidson College	4		3	1	65		2	28	20	140	20	85	10	78	10			11		1350	13	
R. B. Anderson S.S. P.	Morganton	Morganton	3	1	1		135	1	7	70	11	75	18	12	29	57	11	13	7	11	750	275	30	
" "	Newton	Newton	3	2	3	2	49				9	40	2	10	2	2	2	1		7	200	261		
J. M. Wharey "	Harrisburg	Rocky River	8	8	13	9	300	1	10	240	41	387	88	121	10	100	31	8		80	1224	78	2358	
" S.S.	Concord	Zion	3	1	3	5	45		6	42	7	35	1	2	4	7	1	1		2	108		14	
L. R. Glasgow P.	M. College	Bethel	6	2	5	2	65		5					14	6	13	3		2	3	174			
J. W. Davis S.S. F.M.	Lenchow China.																							
R. W. Boyd P.	Woodleaf	Unity	6	4	1	2	140		12	70	7	60	4	11	10	153	1	2	2	18	262	10		
" "	"	Franklin	5	6	2	4	129		6	97	9	61	4	3	11	57	24	2		12	260		10	
P. P. Winn S.S.	Statesville	Bethesda S.S.	3	6	8	4	100		8	90	5	52	4	9	2	19	2	1	1		300	8		
" "	"	New Salem	2	2		2	31		9	35			3			2					40	500	136	
" "	"	Olio	3	1			32																	
" "	"	Trouteman's Sch.	2	1			18			9	6	31												
C. M. Payne P.	Concord	Concord P	6	6	9	23	170		9	300	29	207	148	169	10	109	252	11	4	30	1352	672	107	
J. N. Ramsay	Mill Bridge	Thyatira	5	7	20	8	171		13	134	9	93	15	7	5	40	5	10			326	8		
" "	"	Back Creek	4	3	4	2	80		8		6	51	21		18	17	2	4		2	297	18		

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Presbyterial report of Concord Presbytery

Ministers Licentiates & Candidates	Post Offices	Churches.	Ordained	Missionary labors	Stated Supplies
J.S. Williamson P.E.	Concord N.C.	Upper Fork	5	7	
W.B. Arrowood Ev.	Norwood "	Norwood Ev.	2		2
" "	" "	Bethel "			13
" "	" "	Mizpah "			
A. Walker Wiles	Edenwood "	3d Creek	6	7	5
" " "	" "	5th Creek	4	2	8
	Mill Hill "	Bethsphage	4	4	4
	Bethany Church "	Bethany	5	1	3
	Lenoir "	Lenoir	2	2	1
	Hickory "	Hickory	5	4	
	Lincoln "	Lebanon	2	3	
	Old Fort "	Old Fort	2	2	
	Taylorsville "	Taylorsville	3	3	
	Wilkesboro "	Wilkesboro	1	3	
	Abernathy "	Shiloh	4	3	2
	Marion "	Marion	2	3	
	Mocksville "	Mocksville	1		
	Morganton "	Drusilla			
	Cool Spring "	Tabor			
			40.	32	129	174

Total 18.
1 Licentiate
J.C. Kennedy Mt. Mourne N.C.
2 Candidates.

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Added on Certificate	Whole No.	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Baptized Total	Added on Profession	Dismissed by letter	Dismissed otherwise	Communicants	Added on Profession	Dismissed by letter	Dismissed otherwise	Suspended	Died	Received Pastors Salaries	Congregational	Miscellaneous
3	146		15	90	17	45	40	28		12	7			456	60	
	20	2		13	4	62	6	7	3	13	12	2	2	175	197	387
1	30	3	19	32	3	40	4		3	7	4			17	300	
	6															
	191	2	16	53	19	193	14			89	4			450	623	
1	131	3	7	55	13	117	7	4	2	54		1		300	36	38
4	160		9	200	9	91	1		3	10		2		240	8	4
	84	2	5	90	7	80				5				122		
3	54				7	65	2	2	2	58	10	2	2	16	13	
1	36		1	40	10	38	5		3	16	3	4	1	9	160	184
	42			43	4	30										
	14				4	25										
	72		3	37	8	60	10			14	5	5		8	9	5
	11						2	9	3	3	1	2			127	4
	32		1													
	45															
	39															
	13															
	23															
122	1344	17	218	2257	937	2864	512	455	174	1837	1029	91	25	2977	11206	7316	1163

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Sabbath School Report in the aggregate.

Concord Presbytery reports:

~~No. of Schools. Teachers. Average attendance~~

No. of Schools 38. No. on the rolls of Teachers 249.
" Scholars 1965.
Average attendance of Teachers 177.
" " " Scholars 954.
Scholars admitted to Communion 91.
Contributions for their own Expenses $ 457.38.
" " Other purposes $ 479.83.

All our schools are under the control of the Sessions, & pastors & ruling elders generally attend upon their services. The Shorter Catechism is taught to a greater or less extent in all the schools. But the study of the Confession of Faith & Forms of Church Government is neglected by nearly all.

The Lesson Quarterly is used by most of the schools. Their collections are, with but few exceptions, confined to Foreign Missions. Our children generally attend upon the public preaching of the word.

Wm. W. Hoar & C.

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Statesville N.C.

Called meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met in Statesville in the Lecture Room M. A. Woodfin, June the 19th 1885 at 10.0 clock A.M. and was opened with prayer by the Moderator in pursuance of the following call:

Morganton June 1885

"In accordance with the provisions of the Form of Government Chap. V. Sec. IV. par. VIII. you are hereby informed of a called meeting of Concord Presbytery to be held in Statesville June the 19th 1885 10.0 clock A.M. to consider & act upon the following matters:

(1) To receive Rev C. A. Monroe from Greenbrier Presbytery, Va.

(2) To consider calls for his ministerial services from the churches of Hickory & Lenoir, & if the way be clear, to arrange for his installation

(3) To examine Mr John W. Lafferty, Jr. student Davidson College church with a view to receiving him under the care of Presbytery, as a Candidate for the gospel ministry."

R. B. Anderson
Moderator

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The roll was called & the following present:

Ministers - E. F. Rockwell D.D. J. Rumple D.D. R. B. Anderson D.D. W. A. Wood D.D. D. D. Winn & A. Walker White.

Ruling elders - J. H. Hill of Statesville, and R. M. Johnston of Hickory church.

Rev A. Walker White was appointed temporary Clerk.

The Requests & the call for the present meeting were read.

C. A. Monroe rec'd

Rev Colin A. Monroe being present, was received, after examination, on certificate from Greenbrier Presbytery W. Va. and his name enrolled.

Calls for the pastoral services of Rev C. A. Monroe were read - the one from Hickory church promising him a salary of four hundred ($400.) dollars per annum for one half his ministerial time - the other from Lenoir church promising him four hundred ($400.) dollars per annum for the other half of his ministerial time.

Calls from Hickory & Lenoir

These calls being found in order, were put in his hands.

Mr Monroe signified his acceptance of these calls - Whereupon a committee consisting of Rev W. A. Wood D.D. & ruling elder J. H. Hill was appointed to suggest arrangements for his installation over said churches.

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This committee presented the following report which was accepted & adopted;

The Committee recommend that Rev J. Rumple D.D. & Rev R.B. Anderson D.D. be appointed to conduct the installation services at Lenoir church on the 4th Sabbath in July, or as soon thereafter as practicable. That Rev J. Rumple preside, preach the sermon, propose the constitutional questions & deliver the charge to the pastor, & that Rev R.B. Anderson deliver the charge to the people. That Rev. E. Penick be alternate to Dr Rumple & Anderson A. Walker White be alternate to Dr Wood, They further recommend that Rev E.F. Rockwell D.D. & Rev P.P. Winn be appointed to conduct the installation services at the Hickory church on the 1st Sabbath in August, or as soon thereafter as practicable. That Rev P.P. Winn preside, preach the sermon, propose the constitutional questions, and charge the people. & That Dr Rockwell deliver the charge to the pastor. That Dr Wood be appointed alternate to Rev P.P. Winn & Rev J.A. Ramsay alternate to Dr Rockwell.

Comm { W.A. Wood & J. M. Hill

Comm's to install E. A. Monroe

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Mr John W. Lafferty was introduced as a candidate for the gospel ministry. Satisfactory testimonials from the Session of Davidson College Church were read as to his church membership, his reputation in the congregation for piety, good practical sense, prudence & humility, and his freedom from eccentricities of character likely to mar his usefulness as a minister of the Gospel.

Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr Lafferty on experimental religion, and as to his motives for seeking the gospel ministry, which being sustained as satisfactory he was received under the care of this Presbytery as a probationer for the Holy Ministry, & referred to the Committee of Education as a beneficiary.

The minutes were read & approved.

Presbytery then adjourned.

Closed with prayer.

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk

J. W. Lafferty received as a candidate

J. W. L. Beneficiary

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Special Meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met in Statesville in the Study of Rev W. A. Wood D.D. Sept. 7th 1885 at 7½ o'clock P.M. pursuant to the following call:

"Concord Presbytery is hereby called to meet at Statesville on the 7th of Sept. inst at 7½ P.M. to transact the following business if she may be open:

1st To dismiss Rev Paul P. Winn to South Alabama Presbytery.

2nd To resume R. W. Culbertson under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. R. B. Anderson Mod"

Rev W. A. Wood D.D. being the last Moderator present, presided & opened the Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called, & the following present: Ministers- W. A. Wood D.D. P. P. Winn & R. W. Boyd.

Ruling Elders- J. H. Hill of Statesville Church. J. V. Mitchell of Troutman's Depot, & E. McNeely of Bethesda.

Rev R. W. Boyd was chosen Temporary Clerk.

R. W. Culbertson, a member of Unity Church, asked to be taken under the care of this Presbytery, as a

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R. W. Culbertson ordained

Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. After a satisfactory examination on Experimental religion and his motives for entering the Ministry; he was received, placed on the list of Beneficiaries & referred to the Committee of Education for assistance.

P. P. Winn dismissed

Rev Paul P. Winn asked to be dismissed to South Alabama Presbytery. Presbytery granted his request with expressions of appreciation of his fellowship and labors, and regret at his removal.

Presbytery then adjourned.
Closed with prayer.
W. A. Wood S.C.

Examined & approved as far as written
Oct. 23rd 1885
Jas. C. Alexander
Moderator

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Concord Presbytery met in the presbyterian Church Mooresville Oct. 14th 1885— at 7.o.clock P.M. & was opened with a sermon by Rev R.B. Anderson, from 1 Tim. 1:15.

After which, Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called, & the following were present:

Ministers— E.F. Rockwell D.D. R.T. Pemick, W.A. Wood D.D. M.M. Pharr R.B. Anderson D.D. J.M. Wharey, L.K. Glasgow, J.W. Davis D.D. R.W. Boyd, C.A. Munroe, J.A. Ramsay, J.L. Williamson, W.B. Arrowood, & A.W. White.

On second day, Rev J. Rumple D.D. & Rev C.M. Payne appeared & gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Rev D.L. Deall sent a written excuse for absence which was sustained.

Ruling Elders present:—

J. McNab	—	Bethesda Church.
S.M. Furr	—	Bethpage "
Dr S.J. Houston	—	Centre "
H.C. Hamilton	—	Hickory "
J.F. Cotton	—	Mizpah "
A. Sloan	—	Mooresville "
D.N. Bennett	—	Norwood "
J.N. Pharr		Poplar Tent "
E.F. Beaty		Prospect "
A.L. Alexander		Rocky River "
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E.M. Stimpson - Taylorsville Church
B.F. Phifer - Third Creek "
A.F. Goodman - Thyatira "
J.V. Melchor - Troutman "
R.W. Gibson - Concord Endell "

After the roll call & during the sessions - the following Elders appeared & were enrolled:—

2 J.F. Goodman - Back Creek Church.
2 Dr E.A. Hall - Bethany "
2 Mr J.B. Alexander - Bethel "
2 G.F. Neel - Davidson College "
2 R.A. Knox - Salisbury "
3 C.F. White - Concord Town "
3 F.A. Foster - Fifth Creek "
" J. Douglass - Unity "
" N.G. White - Zion "

Rev J.W. Davis D.D. was elected Moderator & Rev J.A. Ramsay & Ruling Elder E.M. Stimpson temporary Clerks. +W.N. Davis

During the sessions - Rev G.L. Cook of Mecklenburg Presbytery - Rev W.B. Tidball of Orange Presbytery. Rev W.R. McClellan of Texas Presbytery & Rev G. McKinnon of Charleston presbytery - being present - were invited to sit as corresponding members.

And Rev Cook of the Baptist Church as a visiting member.

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The hours for the sessions of this Presbytery were fixed at from 9. o'clock A.M. to 5. o'clock P.M. with a recess from 11. o'clock A.M. to 3. P.M.

The minutes of the last Stated meeting & of the called meetings were read, corrected & approved.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow morning 9. o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Thursday Oct. 15th 1885 -

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer - The roll was called & the minutes of yesterday read & approved.

A committee consisting of Rev Messrs J. Rumple D.D. J.M. Wheaney, Wm H. Sharp & ruling Elders A. Beazer & H.C. Hamilton - was appointed to revise the Assessments on the churches for the Evangelistic Fund.

Assessments.

A letter was read from candidate J.W. Lafferty & referred to the Committee of Education.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

1 On Narrative to Synod - Revs W.B. Arrowood A. Walker White & ruling elder D.A. Cohen.

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2 On Statistical Report - Revs Wm H. Sharp, J. Rumple D.D. & A.C. Alexander ruling elder.

3 On Minutes of the Genl. Assembly - Revs J.M. Wheaney & J. McNab & R.W. Gibson & E.

4 On Finance; H.C. Hamilton, S.M. Furr & E.M. Stevenson ruling elders.

5 Judicial Committee: Rev R.W. Boyd & ruling elders J.F. Melchor & Dr Beaty.

Count; by Mod. 6 On Bills & Overtures: Rev Messrs R.B. Anderson D.D. C.A. Monroe & A. Beazer, E.

7 To nominate Trustees of Davidson College Rev Messrs W.A. Wood D.D. P.F. Pennick & A.F. Goodman R.E.

8 Evangelistic work; Rev Messrs C.M. Payne S.K. Glasgow & B.F. Phifer R.E.

A.D.H. dismissed Rev A.D. Hepburn D.D. was dismissed, at his own request, to the Presbytery of Dayton O.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Genl. Assembly (Dr J.R. Wilson) was read & referred to the Committee on the Minutes of the Genl. Assembly.

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A communication from Rev T. N. Craig D.D. was read & referred to the Committee of Home Missions.

Reports. D.D. The annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was read & referred to the Com. on Davidson College.

Rev A. Walker White reported that he had held a communion meeting at Bethany Church, according to appointment.

The Treasurer's Report also read & referred to the Committee of Finance.

J.S.W. installed. Rev Wm. W. Shaw from the Committee to install Rev J. S. Williamson over the Poplar Tent church, reported this duty fulfilled on the 9th day of May 1885.

E.F.R. report Biographical Sketches. Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D. from the Com. to prepare Biographical Sketches of Rev T. N. Paton & Rev G. W. Gibbs dec'd reported that he was as yet unprepared to report said Sketches. The report was accepted & the Com. continued.

C.A.M. installed. Rev J. Rumple D.D. from the committee to install Rev C. A. Monroe pastor of Zion church reported this duty fulfilled on the 26th day of July 1885.

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C.A. Monroe installed. Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D. from the Committee to install Rev C. A. Monroe pastor of the Hickory Church, reported the duty fulfilled on the 2nd day of Aug. 1885.

Presbytery entered into a free conversation on the state of religion in our bounds, when reports were heard from all the churches touching this subject.

Rev J. W. Davis D.D. was requested to address the congregation to-night at 7. o'clock P.M. on the subject of Foreign Missions.

Presbytery then took recess until 3. o'clk P.M.

After recess Presbytery met.

E.K.G. Pastoral relation dissolved. Rev E. K. Glasgow asked the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself & the church of Bethel, the church through its representative consenting thereto- the request was granted- the relation dissolved & the Stated Clerk directed- officially to inform the church of the fact.

Turkey Cove. A petition from members of the church in the bounds of Turkey Cove- asking for the organization of a church in that place- was read & referred to the Committee of Home Missions.

The Committee to look into the property question of Old Salem- reported the following- which was accepted and adopted:-

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Old Salem Report of Com.

Your Committee appointed to examine into the property of Old Salem Church would report that we have looked into this property & find:- 1st That the land was deeded to the Church so long as it might be used as a place of religious worship.

2nd That the Associate Reformed Church assisted in putting up the Church building, on the condition that they were to have the privilege of holding their services in the building.

3d That nearly all the old Salem members have transferred their membership to other churches principally Taylorsville & New Salem, only a few old members remaining with one Elder. viz Mundoh.

4th In view of these facts, your Committee would recommend that this Presbytery appoint a Committee to confer with the Associate Reformed Church, & if the way be clear, sell our interest in the property to that body.

A. Walker White
Com
E. M. Stimpson

Com. on Old Salem

Rev A. Walker White & ruling elder E. M. Stimpson were appointed as the Committee contemplated in the above report.

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Davidson College was granted permission to employ Mr W. A. Caldwell of the Presbytery of Charleston S.C. as stated supply for one year at a salary of $700. dollars per annum.

Davidson College Supply.

The Committee of Home Missions was directed to consider the propriety & means of erecting a Presbyterian Chapel at Blowing Rock in Watauga Co.

J.C.K. Report.

Licentiate J.C. Kennedy made a verbal report of his labors during the year, which was received & approved.

P.D.P. Report. E.C. Assy.

Rev P.D. Penick - Commissioner to the last Genl. Assembly reported his attendance on the same; the report was received & his diligence approved.

Bethesda Supply.

Bethesda Church was referred to the Committee of Home Missions to secure if practicable a supply.

Calls- W.F. Thom.

A call from Bethany church for the pastoral services of Rev W.F. Thom of Orange Presbytery for one half his time, promising $200. & ten dollars, was read.

Also a call from Fountain's & Rest, promising sixty dollars per year in quarterly payments - which were referred to a Com consisting of Rev A. W. White, D. P. Penick & J. Kennedy Licentiate.

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St. Clk. Orders.

The Stated Clerk was directed to make efforts to secure reduced rates on R. Roads in future to all delegates to Presbytery.

C. S. B. excused.

Letter of excuse for absence from Rev B. S. Beall was read & sustained.

Presbytery then took recess until 7½ o'clk P. M.

For. Missions report & lecture.

Presbytery met, after recess, & heard the report of the Agt. of Foreign Missions; after which Rev J. W. Harris D. D. delivered a lecture on this subject.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Friday Oct. 16. 1885.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. The roll was called & the minutes were read & approved.

Concord Ch. request for supply.

A request was read from the Concord Ch. (Iredell) for permission to employ Mr C. A. Fridball to labor among them as Stated supply for one year, which was referred to the Committee of Home Missions.

R. S. Arnwood, Candidate.

Mr R. S. Arnwood, was introduced to Pby. as a Candidate for the Ministry and

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after examination on Experimental religion and his motives for entering the Ministry, he was received as a Candidate under the care of this body.

The examination on his literary course was sustained as part of trial, and the following assigned him as parts of trial:

1 Latin Thesis - "An necesse fuerit Filium Dei incarnari"

2 Critical Exercise - Matt. 16: 13-21.

3 Lecture - Isaiah 61: 1-3.

4 Sermon - Matt. 11: 28.

R. S. Arnwood Parts of Trial.

Licentiate E. C. Murray was received on Certificate from Charleston Presbytery.

Calls from the Churches of Marion, Libanon, and Old Fort, for the pastoral services of Licentiate E. C. Murry were read, promising him, in the aggregate, Five hundred dollars, and were placed in his hands, and were accepted. Whereupon it was made the order for tomorrow at 11. o'clock A. M. to hear a Trial Sermon of Mr Murray from 1 Tim. 1: 13.

E. C. M. Called.

C. C. M. L. T.

The Critical Exercise and Latin Thesis of Mr Arnwood were referred to the Com. on Languages.

R. S. A. trial Sermon

It was made the order to hear the trial Sermon of Mr Arnwood to day at 11. A. M.

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The examination of Mr Isenwood on the various parts of Trial, with a view to licensure, was referred to the appropriate Permanent Committees.

Exam. Com.

Ruling Elders- F. A. Foster & H. C. Hamlin were added to the Committee on Church History & church Government, and S. N. Peel & C. B. White to the committee on Theology & the Sacraments.

Rev S. McKinnon rec'd from Charleston Presb.

Rev S. McKinnon was received, after examination, on certificate from the Presbytery of Charleston S. C.

Mr E. C. Murray was referred for examination, with a view to ordination, to the appropriate permanent Committees.

Education Report.

The Com. of Education presented their annual report, which was received & the resolutions or recommendations adopted.

This Report shows, in the Abstract, that we have under our care & candidates; viz; C. W. Maxwell, now in the Senior class N. C. John D. Harris, now in Sophomore class N. C. John W. Tapply in Middle class Presbyterian Seminary. & R. M. Culbertson, in junior class N. P. Seminary Va. That these are all placed on the list of beneficiaries & referred to the care of this Committee.

The whole amt, contributed for this cause

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during the year, as reported by the Treasurer, is $25-.79. Of this amount $112. was given to Mr Maxwell and $100 to Mr Harris, leaving in the Treasury $39.79. That it will take about $400. to meet the expenses for the coming year.

Report on Education

The Committee recommend:

1. That $100. be appropriated again to Messrs Maxwell & Harris each, and $175- to Mr Culbertson- Mr Tapply asks for nothing for the present year- as he is on a scholarship.
2. That the special attention of our congregations be called to our present necessities & that special efforts be made during the month of November to raise the money needed,

com { C. A. Payne / Wm. S. Shaw

pending the consideration of the above report Rev S. McKinnon Pres't of N. College made an address touching the interest of that institution.

Prof. W. J. Martin Ed. Com.

Prof. W. J. Martin was appointed on the Committee of Education in the place of Prof. J. R. Blake who has removed from our bounds.

Trustees N. C.

The Committee on N. College reported recommending that Prof. J. Hill and Rev W. A. Wood D. D. whose terms had expired, be re-elected Trustees of Davidson College for W. A. W & J. H. H. terms of years- & that Hon. A. Sprague be appointed to fill the unexpired term of

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Rev A. S. Stephenson D.D. also has removed from our bounds.

2. That this Presbytery heard with thankfulness to God, of the prosperity of the College and does strongly and heartily endorse its present administration.

Com. { W. A. Wood, P. F. Reniker, A. H. Goodman

Presbytery then proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Mr R. L. Anderson from Matt. 11:28. After which recess was taken till 3. o'clock P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The Agt. of Publication made a report which was received & the recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That Presbytery earnestly recommends that all our ministers & stated supplies give more attention to this cause & press its claims more strongly on their people.

2. And that a special collection for this cause be taken up as soon as practicable, to relieve the present embarrassed condition of its treasury.

J. H. Ramsay Agt.

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Rev J. M. Wheeler from the committee to examine the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly reported the following, which was received & adopted:

Report on Gen. Ass'y Minutes.

Your committee have reviewed the Minutes placed in their hands, & recommend the following action:—

1. Presbytery deems it sufficient to call the attention of ministers & Sessions to the recommendations of the Gen. Assembly with reference to the subject of Sabbath Observance, and Family Worship to be found on pp 413 & 425.

Gen. Ass'y.

2. The Overtures of the Assembly found on pages 411. 424 & 432 be referred to a committee consisting of Rev Messrs P. F. Reniker, W. T. Phair and ruling Elder A. Leager to examine & report suitable action to our next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

Overtures

3. That the Overture found on page 426 relating to the powers of the Evangelist, & the Revised Directory for worship sent down for criticism, be referred to a committee consisting of Rev J. Rumple D.D. Rev J. H. Davis D.D. & ruling Elder Mr J. J. Summerell to report to next Stated meeting.

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Colportage Report.

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The Committee of Colportage made a report which was received & referred together with their books to the Committee of Finance,

Finance Report.

The Committee of Finance made the following report which was received & adopted.

Your Committee have little upon which to base a report in the absence of the Treasurer & his books, which are not required to be present at our fall meeting.

One item is developed of much importance to the church; viz; that the Commissioners Fund is indebted to the Treasurer. This is in consequence of a failure of some of the Churches to send their assessments.

If all would pay up there is no reason for this state of things.

Your Committee would recommend that the Treasurer write a card to each of the delinquent Churches, urging them to send this fund as soon as maybe.

Publication is also behind with the Treasurer, & should also be reminded of the wants of the church for this part of the Church work.

Your Com. are verbally informed that assessment of this Presbytery to the Synod has not been paid. We take it that nothing more is needed than to inform the churches of the facts.

W. C. Hamilton Ch

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The Committee to prepare a narrative on the State of religion in our bounds reported the following which was received & ordered to be forwarded to Synod:-

Narrative Report.

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully report to the Synod of N. C. to meet in Reidsville, That the word of God has been dispensed regularly in most of our churches.

There has been no large increase in the attendance upon the public means of grace, but the attendance has been encouragingly good.

In nearly all our churches social prayer-meetings are held; but family worships is not so generally observed as is to be desired.

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We have, however, two or three churches where the family altar is erected in nearly or quite every household, and the special emphasis which the Presbytery has been lately laying on this subject has already brought forth good fruit.

Our people generally observe the Sabbath & the rules of the church forbidding intemperance & worldly amusements; still the spirit of worldliness prevails to a lamentable extent; & from only a few of our churches have there come the glad tidings of a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. While we express our thanks to God for what he has done for us, we have to lament that our want of faith & diligence has prevented a richer blessing.

W. B. Raymond Ch

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The Committee to consider the calls from Bethany & Trouteman's Depot churches. Made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Com. Report Bethany & Troutmans Calls.

Your Committee appointed to consider the calls from Bethany & Troutmans Depot, & the requests from Bethesda & Tabor, the other churches of the group would report, That whereas Bethany promises $210; Tabor $175; Bethesda $240; Troutman's Depot $60, and that the Home Mission Committee agree to add $115; to the above amounts, making a promised salary from this group of churches of $800, per annum, we would recommend: 1, That the Commissioners from Bethany be granted permission to prosecute the call from that church before Orange Presbytery.

2, That this report be sent with the call to Orange Presbytery as information,

A. Walker White
P. D. Pennick } Com

Place & time of next meeting.

Presbytery chose to hold their next semi annual meeting at Third Creek church on the 15th Friday of April 1886 at 11. o'clock A. M.

Manse Stanly Collection ordered.

The following was adopted:
Ordered that the pastors & Stated supplies of those churches in the Presbytery that have not yet contributed to aid in building a manse for the use of the Evangelist in the Eastern field

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be urged to take up a collection for this cause before the end of the year.

Com. Report of Com. of Examination. Amnwood & Murray.

The Com. to examine Candidates Amnwood & Murray on Church History & Church Government reported that they had examined the same & recommended that the examinations be sustained. Mr Amnwood was sustained. By request of the Committee Mr Murray stated his views on the Eldership to the Presbytery when the Presbytery sustained his examination.

The Committee to whom were referred the Critical exercise, & Latin Thesis of candidate R. S. Amnwood reported the examination of the same & their recommendation as satisfactory parts of trial. This report was accepted & adopted.

Com. of Home Missions report.

The Committee of Home Missions presented a report which was amended & adopted as follows:

The Committee met Oct. 15, R. B. Anderson Chairman. J. Rumple present.

1 It was ordered that Concord church (Iredell) be instructed to defer prosecuting their formal call for the services of Mr Tidball till he has been licensed.

2 It was ordered that $115. be appropriated to supplement the salary in the Bethesda & Bethany field, provided Mr Thom is secured.

3. Ordered that Zion be permitted to continue the present arrangement with Rev J. M. Chaney.

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Turkey Cove Church to be organized

The Committee recommend that the petition from Turkey Cove be granted, and that a church be organized in that locality.

Supplies.

The Committee recommend:

1. That Rev J. A. Ramsay be directed to administer the Communion at Bethesda this fall.
2. That Rev Wm H. Shaw preach at Troutmans Depot on 5th Sabbaths at discretion.
3. Rev P. D. Pennick preach a Sabbath at Bethel at discretion.
4. That Rev E. McKinnon preach at Bethphage at discretion.
5. That Rev A. W. White give a Sabbath at Bethany.
6. Rev W. A. Woodfield give one Sabbath to Concord church Lindell,
7. Dr Rockwell, one Sabbath at Tabor.
8. Rev N. B. Tidball, one Sabbath at Elis.
9. Rev C. A. Monroe, one Sabbath at Shiloh.
10. Dr Anderson, preach at Quaker Meadows & Silver Creek at discretion.

Supplies.

Co-operation.

Co-operation with the Genl. Assy.

The Committee further recommend, that Concord Presbytery co-operate fully with the Genl. Assembly in Home Missions and Evangelistic work.

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question of Co-operation referred.

It was ordered that the last recommendation in the foregoing report; viz: concerning co-operation with the Assembly's Committee in Home Mission & Evangelistic work, be deferred for consideration till the next Spring meeting.

The following was adopted:

Blowing Rock Chapel.

This Presbytery looks with favor upon the proposed scheme to build a Chapel at Blowing Rock, under the control of the Presbyterian church, and when the amount necessary to build said Chapel, less $150. has been raised by its friends, this Presbytery will give the $150. which has been contributed, to build a Presbyterian Church in the Mission field.

And that the Committee of Home Missions be instructed to make earnest efforts to raise the amount needed.

The Committee to examine E. C. Murray on the Hebrew & Greek languages reported that they had discharged the duty, & recommended that the examination be sustained; report received & adopted.

E. McKinnon added to Com. on Arts & Sciences

Rev E. McKinnon was added to the permanent Committee to examine candidates on the Arts & Sciences.

It was made the order of the day tomorrow at 9. A. M. to examine candidates on Theology & the Sacraments.

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Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow morning 9. o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

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Saturday Oct. 17th 1885.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The roll was called & the Minutes of Yesterday read & approved.

Presbytery then proceeded to Examine Candidates R. S. Arnwood & E. C. Murray on Theology & the Sacraments, which examinations were sustained.

The Committee to examine E. C. Murray on Philosophy reported the duty discharged & the examination satisfactory; report approved & adopted.

Lecture R. S. A.

Presbytery then heard the Lecture of R. S. Arnwood from 2da, 6i: 1-3. which was sustained as satisfactory part of Trial.

Whereupon the following was adopted:

1. Whereas I. Mr Arnwood, formerly a candidate under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery, has presented to this Presbytery as to his qualifications, and

2. Whereas. He has stood satisfactory examinations before this Presbytery as to experimental acquaintance with religion & motives for seeking the ministry. and

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3. He is able to produce a diploma as Bachelor of Arts from Davidson College. and

4. Whereas he has stood satisfactory examinations as to the Latin & Greek languages. as to mental philosophy, logic & rehtoric: Ethics: natural & past sciences: ecclesiastical history & Church government. and

5. Whereas. he has stood satisfactory examinations before Presbytery on Theology & the Sacraments. &

6. Whereas he has presented satisfactorily the Latin Thesis, the critical exercise, the Lecture & sermon required in the form of Government. Therefore

1. Resolved. That we proceed to license him

2. That this Presbytery considers the general qualifications of the Candidate satisfactory although he has not studied Hebrew.

Licensure of R. S. Arnwood.

Presbytery then proceeded to license Mr Arnwood according to the requirements of our form of Government. and as follows:

At Mooresville the 17th day of Oct. 1885. the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favour of Robert Arnwood, of his having gone through a regular course of literature, of his good moral character, & of his being in the communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure. And he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature,

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as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, & as to his proficiency in divinity & other studies, the Presbytery did, & hereby does, express its approbation of all these parts of trial.

And he having adopted the Confession of Faith & the Catechisms of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did & hereby does, license him, the said W. L. Arrowood, to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or elsewhere else he shall be orderly called.

Licensure of Arrowood.

Mr Arrowood was then referred to the Committee of Home Missions as to his field of labor until next regular meeting.

Rev C. M. Payne from the Com. on Evangelistic work, reported the following which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to Synod:

Concord Presbytery would report to the Synod of North Carolina, that it does not co-operate with the Central Committee of the Gen'l Assembly but manages this work through its Home Mission Committee.

Evangelistic report to Synod.

The destitute territory in our Presbytery has been divided into two fields—

The Eastern Field has been occupied

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by one Evangelist for all his time, & one Seminary Student for 3 months of the year.

The Western field has been occupied by one Licentiate for all his time & one Seminary Student for 3 months.

The Presbytery has raised & expended, during the year for this cause a little over $1200.

C. M. Payne Ch

The Committee to revise the assessments of the Churches for Evangelistic work reported the following which was accepted & adopted:

Assessments.	Assessments.	Mooresville $ 42	
Back Creek	$ 27.	Newton	20
Bethany	20	New Salem	3
Bethel	10	Norwood	6
Bethesda	20	Old Fort	
Bethphage	2 50	Poplar Tent	30
Bunlah	2	Prospect	2 50
Centre	36	Rocky River	100
Clio	5	Salisbury	12 50
Concord (2d)	20	Shiloh	5
Concord (F.)	12 50	Statesville	100
D. College	50	Stoan	9
Prusella	3.	Tabor	5
Fifth Creek	33.	Taylorsville	30
Franklin	36.	Third Creek	40
Hickory	3 50	Thyatira	36
Lenoir	3 50	Trouthmans	5
Marion	1 50	Unity	36
Mizpah	5	Williesboro	9
Mocksville	5	Zion	9
Morganton	40.	Total	455.00

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The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report, which was received & ordered to be forwarded to Synod:

Statistical Report.

Statistical Report to Synod.

1. The Presbytery of Concord reports: 17 Ministers; 41 Churches; 2 Licentiates; 4 Candidates; $24900 aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31. 1885; being $2011 more than was raised the year before.
2. 296 Members were added to the Churches during the year.
3. 2 Ministers received, viz: Rev G. M. Gibbs, Oct. 2nd 1884 & Rev. W. McKinnon Oct. 16. 1885.
4. One Church organized, viz: Trontmans Depot March 14. 1885.
5. One Licentiate received, viz: E. C. Murry Oct 16. 1885.
6. Three Candidates received, viz: John M. Lafferty June 18. 1885. R. W. Culbertson Sept. 9. 1885. & R. S. Arrowood Oct. 16. 1885.
7. 2 Ministers died, viz: Rev G. M. Gibbs Feb. 2nd 1885. & Rev T. N. Paxton Feb. 14. 1885.
8. Ordination 1. E. C. Murry Oct. 17. 1885. pro re nata
9. Installations 2. viz: Rev J. E. Williamson May 9. 1885. & C. A. Monroe over Lenoir July 26. 1885. & over Hickory Aug. 2nd 1885.
10. Pastoral relation dissolved one, viz: E. E. Glasgow Oct. 15. 1885.
11. One Licensure, viz: R. S. Arrowood Oct. 17. 1885.

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12. 15 Ministers in charge of 22 Churches; 12 pastors; 1 Stated Supply; 1 Evangelist; 2 Licentiates; one Foreign Missionary, viz Rev J. W. Adams 21. 22. China.
13. $787 the average salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches.
14. 13 Manses, aggregate value $20,700.
15. No Minister or Church in 6 Counties, viz: Yadkin Alleghany. Mitchel. Watauga. Yancy & Ashe

Wm. Pharr } Com.
J. Rumple }

Judicial Com. Rept. The Judicial Committee reported no business on hands - the report was received & Committee discharged.

Bills & Overtures Report. The Committee on Bills & Overtures reported no business - the report accepted & Committee discharged.

Home Missions report. The Committee of Home Missions reported that Mr E. C. Murray had been directed to preach at Statesville & that they were about to complete arrangements for the supply of Bethpage.

Recess was taken for five minutes, after which Presbytery met and heard the trial sermon of E. C. Murray from 1 Tim 1:13. which was sustained as satisfactory part of Trial.

Trial Sermon. E. C. Murray.

It was ordered that Rev J. Rumple D. D. preach the ordination sermon this evening at 8 o'clock and that E. C. Murray be

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ordained immediately thereafter.
Presbytery then took a recess till 3.0 Clock P.M.
After recess- Presbytery met & heard the ordination sermon by Rev J. Temple Dodd; then by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Ephraim Clark Murray was solemnly ordained to the full work of the Ministry.

E.C. Murray Ordained

Rev W.W. Pharr. Rev P.F. Kinnick and ruling elder A. Sprazer were appointed to arrange for the installation of Rev E.C. Murray at Old Fort, Marion & Siloam & report at an adjourned meeting to be held during the Sessions of Synod.

Comm. to arrange for his installation

The Committee to examine the books & papers of the Committee of Colportage, reported that they found these accounts correct & recommended their approval; report received & adopted.

Colportage report.

Leave of absence.

The following members were granted leave of absence during the Sessions: viz Ministers- E.F. Rockwell Sl.M. W.B. Atwood, G. McKinnon. J.M. Wharey. J.S. Williamson R.W. Boyd. G.E. Gladson. and C.M. Payne.
Ruling Elders- B.F. Phifer. R.W. Gibson J.R. Adams. F.A. Foster. J. Rowland A.R. Neal. A.C. Alexander. D.A. Bennett

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J.F. Cotton. E.A. Hall. G.G. Houston. J.M. McNat. C.R. White. J.V. Mebane. S.M. Furr. W.W. Pharr A.G. White.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Fridesville during the Sessions of Synod. at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer & the Apostolic benediction.

William W. Pharr S.C.

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Reidsville N.C.
Adjourned meeting.

Concord Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator in Reidsville Oct. 23d 1885- and was opened with prayer. The roll was called & the following present:-

Ministers- P. T. Penick, J. Rumple d.d., R. B. Anderson d.d., J. M. Wheaney, J. W. Isley d.d., C. A. Monroe, J. G. Williamson. and J. A. Ramsay.

Ruling Elders- S. W. Stimson - Statesville.
J. J. Brunir - Salisbury.
J. K. Graham - Flyatina
A. J. Eagle - Newton
A. C. Avery - Morganton
J. S. Scaffety - Poplar Tent.
T. C. Beaty - Prospect.

The Committee appointed to arrange for the installation of Rev E. C. Murray offered the following, which was accepted & adopted:

Com. to arrange for installation of Murray report.

Your Committee recommend, that Rev R. B. Anderson d.d. & Rev W. A. Wood d.d. be appointed to install Rev E. C. Murray over the Church of Marion; & that Revs Messrs C. A. Monroe & J. Rumple d.d. be appointed to install them over the Churches of Selram & Old Fort; & that these installations take place as soon as it will suit the convenience of these brethren & the respective Churches.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator-

Closed with prayer.

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Oct. 24th. Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator & was opened with prayer. Oct. 24. 1885.- A quorum being present- Rev W. B. Tidball was received, after examination, on certificate from Orange Presbytery, & his name enrolled.

W. B. Tidball rec'd

No further business- Presbytery adjourned to meet at Third Creek Church on the 15th day of April 1886 at 11 o'clock A.M.

Closed with prayer.

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk

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Concord Presbytery met at Third Creek Church April 15th 1886 according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by Rev E. C. Murray from Deu. 16:18-19. and constituted with prayer by the Moderator Rev R. B. Anderson D.D.

The roll was called & the following present:

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
E. F. Rockwell D.D.	Moses Pingle - Back Creek
W. A. Wood D.D.	W. H. Dunlap Bethany
J. Rumple D.D.	Wallis Landy - Bethesda
W. W. Khan	J. C. Cochran Bethphage
J. M. Wheeney.	J. R. McNeely - Centre
R. W. Boyd.	J. E. Simmons. Concord
C. M. Payne	H. F. Helper. M. College
C. A. Monroe	J. V. Niblock - Fifth Creek
J. A. Ramsay	W. A. Thomason - Franklin
J. G. Williamson	J. C. Hall - Hickory.
W. B. Atwood	R. L. Beall - Lincoln
E. C. Murray	A. Sloan - Mooresville
R. B. Anderson D.D.	E. A. Perkins - Morganton
A. W. White.	D. A. Smith - New Salem
Second day.	J. M. W. White - Rocky River
Rev W. B. Tidball.	J. D. McNeely - Salisbury
	J. N. Hall - Statesville
	E. M. Stevenson - Taylorsville
	J. N. Carson - Third Creek
	H. W. Lebanon Thyatira

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Ruling Elders - E. Price Unity
N. W. White-Zion

Rev C. A. Monroe was chosen Moderator and Rev J. A. Ramsay & A. Sloan Temporary clerks.

Presbytery then took a recess for one hour.

After recess

Presbytery met. The minutes of the last Stated meeting & adjourned meetings were read & approved.

Reports of supplies were made when it appeared that Revs. J. A. Ramsay, W. W. Khan, A. W. White - W. A. Wood D.D. had fulfilled appointments. Revs E. F. Rockwell D.D. & C. A. Monroe gave satisfactory reasons for failure. & all the reports approved.

Edmund Petition

A petition from the citizens of Elmwood for the organization of a church at that place was read & referred to a committee consisting of Revs C. M. Payne. A. W. White & ruling Elder E. M. Stevenson.

R. S. Atwood called to Bethphage.

A call from Bethphage church for the pastoral services of Licentiate R. S. Atwood - promising a salary of $500. & same was read & placed in his hands for his consideration.

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The Moderator announced the following Committees:

On narratives to Genl. Assembly-
Rev J. M. Wharey & ruling elders Messrs. Teagle & J. D. Hill.

On Evangelistic work: Rev W. A. Wood D.D. Rev J. G. Williamson & ruling elders W. C. Dunlap & Walter Lentz.

Com'd by Mod.

Systematic Benevolence-
Rev C. M. Payne & ruling elders- J. R. McAuley & N. P. Helper.

Minutes of Synod-
Revs R. W. Boyd. E. F. Rockwell D.D. & ruling elder J. J. Cochran.

Finance-
Rev W. B. Arrowood- & ruling elders J. M. McAuley & A. Teagar.

Judicial Committee-
Rev J. Rumple D.D. & C. C. Murray & ruling elders P. C. Hall & E. A. Perkins.

Bills & Overtures-
Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. & ruling elders R. G. Beall & E. M. Stevenson.

Devotional Exercises- Rev A. M. White & J. A. Carson.

Sessional Records- Rev J. G. Williamson & ruling elders- J. E. Summers W. A. Thomason. J. C. Niblock. J. M. W. White. D. W. White.

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It was made the order for 3 o'clock P. M. on Friday to consider the question of Co-operation with the Genl. Assembly in the work of Home Missions & Evangelistic work.

A Committee consisting of Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. Rev E. C. Murray & J. A. Summers was appointed to organize a church at Turkey Cove.

Com. to organize Church Turkey Cove.

Rev J. Rumple D.D. from the Committee to consider & report upon the amendment to the Book of Church Order concerning the Foreign Evangelist, sent down by the Genl. Assembly, & found on page 434 of the Assembly's printed Minutes of 1885- made report, & after due consideration- Presbytery declined to consent to the proposed change.

Com. on Overtures from Genl. Assy. report.

The same from the Committee appointed thereto, reported on the Revised Directory- recommending the approval & acceptance of the Revision with a number of recommendations, which report, with some slight amendments, was adopted & ordered to be sent up to the Genl Assembly.

Revised Directory report.

The Sessions of Presbytery were held at from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. with recess from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. for divine worship & dinner

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Com. on property of Salem; report;

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The Committee on the property of Salem church reported the business not concluded - the report received & the committee continued.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Friday April 16.

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9 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

A paper from the church of Troutman's depot was read & referred to the committee on Home Missions.

C. L. Tidball, rec'd

C. L. Tidball was received on certificate from West Hanover Presbytery Va. as a candidate for the holy ministry.

Rev E. C. Murray was appointed to prepare a report on Sabbath Schools for this meeting.

C. A. Monroe Agt. of Sab. Schools.

Rev C. A. Monroe was appointed Agt. of Sabbath Schools in stead of Rev P. P. Winn removed.

Rev W. B. Tidball appeared & gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

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The report of the Agt. of For. Missions was made the first order for this afternoon.

The report of the presbyterial Treasurer was read & referred, with his books, to the committee of Finance.

The committee to whom were referred the Overtures sent down from the Genl. Assembly - found on pages 411, 412 & 432 of the Assembly's printed minutes of 1885 - reported the following: Your committee recommend that this Presbytery give their advice & consent to the change recommended by the Genl. Assembly on page 411, viz; "that the Form of Government, Chap VII, par. 3, be amended by adding to the said paragraph the following words: The provision contained in the preceding paragraph for the amendment of the Book of Church Order shall not apply to this paragraph; but this paragraph shall be amended or altered only in the way in which itself provides for the amendment of the Confession of Faith & Catechisms of the Church."

Overtures from Genl. Assb'y report.

Further your committee recommend that this Presbytery give their advice & consent to the proposed change in Form of Government, Chap V. Sec. 4. par. 6, & in Rules of Discipline, Chap VII, par 1, so as to invest Presbytery with the power to institute process against a ruling elder, or a private member of the

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The Church, in cases where the session is unable to exercise its authority, as found on page 434 of printed minutes of 1885.

Elder Mod.

Again, Zion is divided in opinion as to the propriety of the proposed change in the Form of Gov. Chap IV. Sec 3. par 2. in reference to the duties of ruling elders when elected Moderators of church courts as found on page 432.

com { Wm Thain / A Sprague

The foregoing recommendations of the committee were adopted. The change proposed making elders moderators of church courts was not consented to.

Candidate C. M. Tidball was referred to the appropriate committee for examination on his Literary course.

J. M. W. on Arts & Sciences.

Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D. was excused from serving on the committee on Arts & Sciences, & Rev J. M. Whaley appointed in his place. Ruling elders A. Perkins & E. M. Stevenson were also appointed on this committee.

R. S. A. accepts call.

Candidate R. S. Axtwood signified his willingness to accept the call from Bethphage placed in his hands. Whereupon a committee consisting of Rev C. M. Payne & Ruling Elder J. J. Cochran was

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appointed to arrange for his ordination & installation.

Ruling elders J. N. Hill & A. Sprague, + R. G. Reed were appointed on the committee on languages to examine candidate Tidball.

The Moderator announced the following changes & order in the committee to examine Sessional Records:

Coms on Sessional Records.

E. F. Rockwell D.D. & J. A. Carson — Records of Bachelor Creek & Bethany
W. A. Wood D.D. } Bethel &
E. M. Stevenson } Bethesda.
J. Rumple D.D. } Bethphage.
Walter Grady } Statesville & Beulah.
R. B. Anderson D.D. } Centre
J. M. McNeely } Taylorsville & Elo.
J. M. Whaley } Concord Cudell
O. A. Smith } Third Creek & Concord Con.
R. W. Boyd } Davidson College
J. M. W. White } Siloam & Fifth Creek.
C. M. Payne } Franklin
E. A. Perkins } Thyatira & Hickory
J. G. Williamson } Lenoir
J. B. Niblock } Marion & Mountaineers
W. B. Axtwood } Mizpah
W. A. Thomason } Unity & Mocksville
A. W. White } Mocksville
J. E. Summers } Morganton.
E. C. Murray } Newton. Zion &
H. B. Belden } Norwood.

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Moses Speagle } New Salem.
J. J. Cochran }
J. C. Hall } Poplar Tent
W. L. Dunlap } Shiloh & Prospect.
R. L. Beall } Rocky River
J. H. Hill } Tabor & Salisbury.

Rev J. Rumple sec. was appointed to bring in a suitable minute touching the death of Rev P. T. Penick.

Presbytery took recess till one o'clock p.m.

After recess - Presbytery met.

E. F. R. report, Biographical Sketches of G. M. G. & D. H. P.

Rev E. F. Rockwell sec. read Biographical Sketches of Rev G. M. Gibbs & Rev T. H. Paxton These Sketches were received & approved & ordered to be recorded in the Book of Biographical Sketches.

Rev J. M. Wheaty was placed on the com. instead of Rev A. W. White to consider the petition from Elmwood.

The report of the A. B. of Foreign Missions was made the order of the day for tomorrow at 10. o'clock A.m.

Co-Operation with the Gen. Assembly in Home Missions & Evangelistic work was made the first order for tomorrow afternoon.

C. M. D. Examined: The Com. to examine C. M. Tidball on Arts & Sciences, reported the duty performed & recommended that the examination be sustained, adopted.

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Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 9. o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday April 17. 9. o'clock

Presbytery according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

Rev W. B. Arrowood was put on the com. to prepare a narrative to the Gen. Assembly in place of Rev J. M. Wheary who had taken sick.

Finance Com. report.

The Committee of Finance made the following report which was received & adopted:

Your Com. of Finance report that we have examined the Treasurer's books & accompanying vouchers & find them all correct with one single exception. On page 15th "in account with Elmwood Church" where voucher No 1 for $22.46 has not been sent to this meeting.

Your Com. has received the following funds from the Churches during this meeting, viz: Sustentation - $18.40

For. Missions	13.76
Evangelistic	19.05
Invalid	16.71
Education	16.02
Publication	12.08
Commissioners	06.45

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Your Committee has paid the salary & expenses of the Stated Clerk amounting to $5-3. & taken his receipt for the same.

Com { W. B. Arnwood
J. H. McAnely

The Treasurer's Report—

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer of Concord Presbytery would report the following ballances on hand;

Commissioner's fund	$ 30.81
Education — —	15.32
Foreign Missions — —	32.05
Publication — —	35.46
Home Missions — —	150.31
Tuskaloosa Dust — —	1.00
Total — —	264.95

C. A. Davis Treasurer.

Scientific's report.

Scientific's J. C. Kennedy & W. S. Arnwood made verbal reports of their labors since last meeting— these reports were received & approved.

Com'r to Gen'l Ass'y elected.

Rev R. W. Boyd was chosen as Commissioner to the Genl. Assembly— with Rev J. W. Davis as his alternate, and ruling Elder J. C. Barnhardt of Rocky River with A. Teagar of Mooresville as his alternate.

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The order of the day was postponed— when the Committee of Home Missions offered the following Report, which was received & adopted:

Statesville, March 15 1886

The Home Mission Committee met at the call of the Chair— Present— W. B. Anderson M.C. W. A. Wood M.C. & J. H. Hill.

Home Missions Report on.

Rev C. A. Monroe & Capt. E. W. Faucille were appointed a Committee to understand at once the erection of a church building at Blowing Rock, & Presbytery is requested to devote to that purpose $50. dollars formerly raised for a church at Jefferson.

In reply to a letter from W. S. Arnwood, the Chairman was directed to inform him that the Com. could use their influence to have the proposed arrangements carried out.

W. T. Lancaster, a Seminary student, was employed to labor in the same field in which he labored last year at $40. per month— This arrangement to continue during his vacation.

It was recommended that Mr Chalmers Moore be employed by Bethel Church during his vacation.

The Com. then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman

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Supplementary report-
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The Home Missions Committee met-
Present R. B. Anderson D.D. J. Rumple D.D
& J. D. Hill ruling elder.

Home Missions Report, 1

Dr Wood was directed to preach & administer the communion at Mooresville on the 2nd Sab. in May.

2 It was agreed to supplement the salary of Rev R. S. Answood for the present year to the amount of $50. dollars.

R. S. A. $50.

3. The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay to the Eastern Evangelistic Committee $25. sent by mistake by Poplar Tent to Mr O. A. Davis Treasurer.

4 It was recommended that the Taylorsville Group be allowed to employ Rev. W. B. Dickey ~~Licentiate~~, until the next fall meeting on the same terms as at present.

5 The following supplies are appointed for Elbowing Rock:

Supplies.

(1) Rev J. Rumple D.D. to preach the 1st & 2nd Sabbaths in July & dedicate the church with Rev C. M. Payne as his alternate.

(2) Rev W. W. Khan the 3d & 4th Sabbaths of July, with Rev W. A. Caldwell as his alternate, by request.

(3) Rev J. A. Ramsay the 1st & 2nd Sabbaths in Aug. with Rev J. M. Wharey as his alternate.

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(4) Rev B. L. Beall the 3d & 4th Sabbaths of Aug. with W. A. Woodside as his alternate,

(5) Rev C. A. Monroe on the 5th Sabbath of Aug.

Your committee further recommend that Rev C. A. Monroe & E. W. Fancette be a committee to arrange, as far as practicable, for the entertainment of these supplies while here, & the weekly Chapel collections be appropriated, when required for defraying traveling expenses.

These supplies are directed, as far as practicable, during the week, to preach at other points in Watauga Co. such as Valle Crucis & Cove Creek.

Rev J. A. Ramsay is directed to preach Saturday & a Sabbath at Mountmanis Depot & administer the communion.

R. B. Anderson Clerk

H. Missions report.

The Agt of Foreign Missions presented the following report which was received & approved;

For. Missions Report on.

Your Agent would report that of our 40 churches 33 report contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions amounting to $229.17. Of the remaining 7, Concord (Iredell, Mountmanis & Shiloh report nothing contributed & Bethel, Elis, Amanilla & Tabor send up no report.

The whole amount reported to Presbytery

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at this meeting exceeds the whole amount reported at the last Spring meeting by $ 4440.25
The churches reporting increased contributions are—Mooresville, Statesville, Salisbury, Prospect, Davidson College, Morganton, Newton, Rocky River, Franklin, Bethesda, Olyatina, Back Creek, Poplar Tent, Norwood, Mizpah, Fifth Creek, Bethpage, Bethany, Siloam, Old Fort, Marion and Mocksville.

For Missions report.

We have fallen short of the amount asked by the Secretary of For. Missions by about $ 430.

It remains for the Presbytery to say whether we shall in any way modify our plans of collecting funds for this work.

Our Secretary recommends that the churches be assessed, but so far as your A.S.T. has been unable to discover any plan of assessment which he can recommend for your adoption with the hope of increased efficiency among our churches in this work.

W. W. Boyd A.S.T.

Place & time of next meeting.

Marion was chosen as the place for the next fall meeting & Wednesday the 8th of Sept. 11. o'clock A.M. as the time.

It was made the order of the day at 11. o'clk A.M. to hear the trial sermon of C.A. Tidball,

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Presbytery took recess for nine minutes.
After recess.
Presbytery met & heard the trial sermon of C.A. Tidball from Gal. 6:14.

Rev J. Rumple M.D. on the part of the committee offered the following minute touching the death of Rev P. T. Penick:

Minutes on death of P.T.P.

In the all-wise but inscrutable providence of God, the Presbytery is called upon to record the death of another of our honored & beloved ministers,
Rev Peter Tinsley Penick, who was called from the labors of earth to the rest & refreshment of heaven, on the 29th of March 1886, in the 59th year of his age. Our brother labored 36 years in the Christian ministry, 30 of which were spent in Concord Presbytery.
In putting this record upon our minutes we desire to perpetuate the memory of the following shining traits of his character.
He was a very industrious & laborious minister, working "in season, out of season" in the study, in the pulpit, through the press & from house to house.
He was an earnest, sound, doctrinal & practical preacher, always interesting, pointed & instructive, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed—

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He was a faithful student of the word of God, & the standards of the church, & a clear, vigorous & decided thinker & writer.

He was a man of great moral courage, always ready to combat error in life or doctrine, wherever found.

He was a devout & God fearing man, with great reverence for the authority of God's word.

He died in hope of a blessed immortality.

He was a valuable member of Presbytery & we will sadly miss him in our councils, but since our loss is his gain, we must submit to the will of God, & tender our cordial sympathies to the bereaved family of our now sainted brother.

J. Rumple Com

After remarks by Rev J. Rumple D.D. Wm H. Chan. C.M. Payne. J. A. Ramsay & W. A. Wood Esq the report was adopted by a rising vote, & the Stated Clerk directed to present a copy of this paper to the family of the deceased brother.

Wm. P. & A. Leazar, to prepare Biographical Sketch, &c.

A committee consisting of Rev Wm H. Chan & A. Leazar, was appointed to prepare a Biographical Sketch of Rev R. C. Reside to be presented at the next Stated meeting of this body.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour.

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After recess presbytery met. The order of the day was postponed.

Minutes of Synod. com. report.

The committee on the minutes of Synod reported that the minutes had not yet come to hand & not printed, & asked to be discharged. Report received, the Committee discharged.

S. S. report.

Rev C. C. Murray presented a report on Sabbath Schools which was received, approved & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

D. B. report.

Committee on Systematic Benevolence presented a report which was received, approved & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

Ev. report.

The committee on Evangelistic labor made report which was received approved forwarded to Genl. Assembly.

Adjourned meeting called.

Rev C. M. Payne from the committee to arrange for the ordination & installation of Rev Robt. S. Arrowood reported, recommending that John 3:7. be assigned as a text for a trial sermon, & that there be an adjourned meeting of this Presbytery held at Bethpage Church on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in June 11 o'clock A. M.

C. M. Payne Clm

J. W. Scoffield parts of trial.

The following parts of trial were assigned Mr John W. Scoffield — Exegesis. Num. 24: 15-24. Latin Thesis. An spiritus sanctus adoranda sit?
Lecture. John 4: 21-24.
Sermon. Rom. 6: 22.

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Rev C. M. Payne from the committee to consider the request of certain citizens of Elmwood to organize a church at that point - reported the following which was received & adopted:

Elmwood organization reported.

While Presbytery would encourage the hope that an organization may be accomplished at no distant day, & would advise the erection of a Chapel - the conducting of a Sabbath School & stated services; the present time seems inopportune to effect that organization

C. M. Payne Chr

The order of the day was then taken up, viz; the question of co-operation with the Genl. Assembly's committee in Home Missions & Evangelistic work - when the following was adopted: Resolved -

Co-operation resolution.

That Presbytery enjoin its churches to contribute once in each year to the Genl. Assembly's committee of Home Missions, & that this be made on the 1st Sabbath of Feb. or as soon after as practicable.

C. M. T. examined.

The committee to examine C. M. Tidball on Languages - Latin Thesis & critical exercise reported recommending the approval of these parts of trial - adopted.

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It was ordered that the parts of trial assigned Mr Tidball by West Hanover Presbytery - be accepted as parts of trial. by this Presbytery.

C. M. T. parts of trial.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet on Monday morning 9. o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Monday Morning 9. o'clock
April 19th

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Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Stated reports.

The committee to prepare a narrative of the state of religion for the Genl. Assembly made a report which was received & approved & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

Rev W. B. Arnwood Evangelist of the Eastern field, made a verbal as to the condition of that field & of his work.

Norwood Manse debt.

The Eastern Evangelistic Committee was instructed to apportion amongthe churches the remaining debt on the Norwood Manse, & the churches urged to come up & aid in the liquidation of said debt.

Sessions - Standing Rule 4.

The following Rule was adopted: Resolved - that it be made a standing rule of this body that the Statistical reports from Sessions to Presbytery be recorded in the Minutes of Sessions.

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Rev C. M Payne was appointed on the Committee to prepare a Manual of Presbytery in place of Rev P. T. Penick deceased.

C. M. P. on Manual

The Committee on transcription of the Records of Presbytery reported the work progressing; the report was received & the Committee continued.

Transcription Com. rep'd

Committees on Sessional Records made their reports which were approved & the exceptions noted on the books to which they were taken respecting.

Com's on Sessional Records report

The following records were approved; Centre, Prospect, Taylorsville, Back Creek, Bethany, Troutman's Depot, Lenoir, Hickory, Thyatira, Dunlap, Statesville, Poplar Tent, Rocky River, Zion, Norwood, Newton, Concord (town), Muzpah.

The following with one exception; Franklin, Bethphage, Mooresville, Morganton, Salisbury, Davidson College, Fifth Creek, Third Creek.

The following with 2 exceptions; Unity,

And the following with three exceptions; New Salem, Concord Tadell, Bethesda & Siloam,

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Presbytery proceeded to the examination of candidate C. M. Tidball with a view to his licensure. He was examined on Theology, Sacraments, Ecclesiastical History & Church Government.

C.M.T. examined.

Presbytery then took a recess for half an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met & heard the popular sermon of C. M. Tidball from Rom. XIII 1-5.

All the parts of trial of Mr Tidball were sustained as satisfactory & Presbytery proceeded to license him as follows;

At Third Creek Church April the 19th 1886.

The Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favor of C M Tidball, of his having gone through a regular course of literature, of his good moral character, & of his being in the communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure. And he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, & as to his proficiency in divinity & other studies, the Presbytery did, & hereby does, express its approbation of all these parts of trial.

C.M. Tidball licensed

And he having adopted the Confession of Faith & the Catechisms of this church, & satisfactorily answered the questions

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appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, & hereby does, license him, the said C.M. Tidball, to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to give Mr Tidball a certificate of licensure.

C.M.T. supply.

Mr Tidball was then ordered to labor in the bounds of Concord (Audelly) Shiloh & Cleo.

The committee on the Manual reported progress & was continued.

During the sessions of Presbytery, leave of absence was granted the following; ministers - E.F. Rockwell D.D., R.B. Anderson & E.E. Murray & C.M. Payne;

Leave of absence

ruling Elders - D.N. White, D.W. Silliman, A. Sneazar, J.J. Cochran, J.E. Simmons, J.M.N. White, E.M. Stevenson, J.R. McClung, J.C. Dunlap, J.H. Hill, A.A. Goss, D.P. Kelper, E.A. Perkins, P.C. Hall.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Bethphage Church June 2d 1886 at 11 o'clock A.M., closed with singing, prayer & the apostolic benediction.

William M. Shaw
Stated Clerk

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Appendix No 1.
Narrative.

Concord Presbytery would report to the Gen. Assy to meet at Augusta Ga. the following;

The attendance of our people upon the public ministrations of the Word in most of our churches is encouragingly good.

Prayer meetings are held regularly in about half our churches, & in some of them occasionally.

The attendance is usually good; but too often a thin attendance reveals the fact that the duty & privilege is not properly appreciated by many of our people.

In almost all our churches the Catechism is taught both in families & in Sabbath schools, & our Sabbath Schools are under the control of Sessions.

Official visitation of families by our ministers & most of our Elders is attended to with commendable diligence.

Our Deacons are faithful & diligent in looking after the monetary interests of the Church & the salaries of our ministers, in a majority of cases have been paid & are sufficient for their support, but in some cases the salaries are not sufficient to relieve from worldly cares.

An increased number of our churches have contributed to the Tuscaloosa Asst, & a large majority of the churches having regular packing have contributed to all the objects ordered by the

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It is with sorrow that we again are compelled to report the continued sad neglect of family worship, notwithstanding our special efforts to have the family altar erected in every house, yet these efforts have not been entirely fruitless. Perhaps on an average, as many as one fourth of our families have family worship.

While there have been a few cases of drunkenness & some indulgence in worldly amusements; these are on the decrease.

The Sabbath is well observed by our people.

The work of the Lord has been going on quietly in most of our churches; & in a few instances there have been refreshing showers of divine grace. This is especially the case with Davidson College, where a work of unusual power has been going on among the students.

With one exception our churches are doing nothing for the evangelization of the colored people among us.

In glancing over our beloved Zion we see cause both for Thanksgiving & humiliation.

W. B. Arnwood Clerk

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Systematic Benevolence.

Objects	No. Contributions	amts.
Sustentation	26	$453.00
Evangelistic	26	627.00
Invalid Fund	25	124.00
For. Missions	32	269.00
Education	26	893.00
Publication	26	114.00
Tuskaloosa Inst.	13	42.00
Total		45-22.00

10 of our churches have contributed to all the 7 objects ordered by the Assembly; 12 contributed to 6 of them; 4 to five of them; 4 to four of them; 1 to two of them; & 2 to none of them.

It is a standing rule with our presbytery to require the churches failing to contribute to any one of these objects to give reasons for the failure.

Wm. P. Chambers Clk.

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No 3.

Sabbath Schools.

Concord Presbytery reports 38 Sabbath Schools; 323 teachers; 2743 scholars: average attendance of teachers 226; of scholars 1822; scholars admitted to the Communion 133. — Contributions for the Expenses of the Schools $476.59; Contributions for other purposes $427.68.

Remarks:

1. All our Schools but one are under the supervision & control of our Sessions.
2. With scarcely an exception our schools are attended by our pastors & Elders.
3. In 11 of our schools the pastors preach regularly to the children: in 14 they do not.
4. In 3 schools the Standards as a whole are taught; in 3 no part of them so taught; in 3 the Confession of Faith & Catechisms are taught; & 22 are instructed in the Shorter Catechism.
5. In 8 Schools both the Earnest Worker and Children's Friend are taken; in 11 neither are taken; 9 take the Earnest Worker; & 3 the Children's Friend
6. In most cases our young people memorize the S.S.; in others not generally.
7. The International S.S. papers are the only text books used, except in a few cases besides the Bible & our Standards.
8. In 3 School special interest has been manifested & they report in Revival.

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9. Only one school reports collections made for all the 7 objects ordered by the Gen. Assembly, but many of them contribute to some of them.
10. Our School generally attend upon the public preaching of the Word; the exceptions to this very rare.
11. In only one church have efforts been made to maintain a Sab. School for the colored people. This attempt has proved a success.

W. L. Lund C. A. Monroe Supt.

E. C. Murray Supt. pro tem

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Presbyterial Report of Concord Presbytery to the Genl. Assembly to meet at Augusta Ga.

Concord Presbytery reports to the Genl. Assembly under its care three licentiates and four Ministers

Ministers Licentiates & Candidates.	Post Office.	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate
2nd Sess. E. F. Rockwell	Grand Springs					
E. L. Read M.C.	Lenoir N.C.					
W. A. Woodall. P.	Statesville "	Statesville P.	9	8	20	18
J. Rumple D.D. P.	Salisbury "	Salisbury P.	6	7	5	9
W. W. Pharr P.	Mooresville "	Centre P.	5	5	8	
" " "	" "	Prospect P.	7	8	3	1
R. B. Anderson P.S. "	Morganton "	Morganton "	3	1	9	3
" " "	Newton "	Newton "	3	2		3
W. B. Tidball P.S.	Taylorsville "	Taylorsville	3	3	15	
" " "	Wilkesboro "	Wilkesboro P.S.	1			
L. McKinnon Pres.	Davidson College	D. College	5	2	7	32
J. M. Wharey P.	Harrisburg "	Rocky River	9	8	6	9
" " S.S.	Concord "	Zion S.S.	3	1		5
L. K. Glasgow Tr.	Davidson College					
J. W. Davis Ag. Ev.	Loocheer China.					
H. W. Boyd P.	Woodleaf N.C.	Unity P	6	4	3	2
" " "	" "	Franklin	5	6	2	
C. M. Payne P.	Concord "	Concord P.	6	6	16	10
C. McClamroe P.	Lenoir "	Lenoir P.	2	2	3	6
" "	Hickory "	Hickory P.	5	4	13	7
J. A. Ramsay "	Mill Bridge	Thyatira	6	5	3	1
" "	Mt. Ulla	Bachelor	3	1	1	

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the Genl. Assembly to meet at Augusta Ga.

that it comprises 19 ministers and 23 churches, & has 6 candidates, viz:

Whole No	Adult Baptized	Infants Baptized	Communicants	Scholars in Sab. Schools	Added on Profession	Added on Certificate	Dismissed by Death	Dismissed by Certificate	Excommunicated	Suspended	Died	Dismissed, &c.	Present Membership	Pastor's Salary	Congregational	Miscellaneous
25-4	5-	4	117	22	165	17			427			19	1150	107	63.	
198		7	95-	18	175	120	96	10	200	500	5	1	30	1000	407	46
114		8	107	6	65	4	9	12	84	15-	4	5-	5	350	252	82
225-		15-	200	9	75	13	7	5	69	5-	1		12	400	72	8
130		5-	80			28	21	15	68	27	11	12		700	1750	50.
45-			36	7	35	10	2	2	8	2	1		26	164	180	
85-	2		25-	8	65	8		2	8	10	5-	2	8		5	
9			15			2	9	2	4	2	2		3	129	6	
84		2	61	15	140	52	25-		163	24		5	15-	490	320	10
297		21	200	35-	313	1	103	8	101	39	13		30	365	205	6
47		2	40	8	39	2	1	2	4	2	1			100	7	6
148		2	50	6	50	2	5-	2	134		1		12	276	70	8
123		12	90	8	58	5	8	1	66	2	1		12	225	2	1
206	2	10	200	30	205-	67	225-	17	108	175-	8	4	30	1450	992	239
60	1	5-	38	7	54	57	7	2	50	9	16	5-	15-	300	50	37.
49	2	5-	42	12	47	2	9	2	13	5-	6		9	353	341	9
115		9	145	8	103	6	2	6	81	5-	13		4	360	25-	39
82.		5-	58		52	9	7	6	60	2	7		1	370	17	

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Presbyterial report of Concord Presbytery

Ministers Licentiates & Candidates	Post Offices	Churches	Elders	Members added on Examination	Members added on Certificate	Whole No.
J. L. Williamson	Concord N.C.	Poplar Tent	5	8	1	3	140
W. B. Arrowood Ex	Norwood "	Norwood	2		3		20
" "	" "	Beulah	3	1	10		35
" "	" "	Mizpah "	2	1		2	6
A. Walker White	P.	Elmwood "	Third Creek	6	7	2	2	181
" " "	" "		Fifth Creek	5	2	2		129
E. L. Murray	P.	Marion "	Marion P.	1	3	4	5	55
" "	"	Old Fort "	Old Fort P.	2			4	14
" "	"	Marion "	Siloam P.	2	3	9		54
	P.E.	Mill Hill "	Bethlehem P.E.	7	6	6	4	160
	P.	Mooresville "	Mooresville P.	6	7	10	7	184
	S.S.	Statesville "	Bethany S.S.	5	2	6		85
	S.S.	Mocksville "	Mocksville S.S.	1			1	39
	S.S.	Amity Hill "	Bethesda S.S.	5	5	4		84
	S.S.	Troutman's	Troutman's S.S.	2	1			22
	S.S.	Fancy Hill "	Concord (Central) S.S.	7	5		1	193
	S.S.	Statesville "	Shiloh S.S.	2	3			30
	S.S.	Taylorsville	New Salem	2	2	1	1	31
	P.	Morganton "	Hunsville P.					13
	P.	Cool Spring	Tabor P.					23
	P.	Davidson College	Bethel P.	6	2			65
	P.	Statesville "	Ebio P.	3	1			22
Three Licentiates	P.	Taylorsville	Salem P.					61
S. L. Kennedy		McClelland's "						
R. S. Arrowood		Mill Hill "	Total 41	162	134	107	137	3881
G. M. Dickhall		Fancy Hill						

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Sabbath Schools	Ordained Baptized	Baptized Non-Comm.	Teachers in Sab. Schools	Scholars in Sab. Schools	Sab. Collections	Contributions	Female Prayer Meet.	Female Education	Public Worship	Families Visited	Communicants	Prayer Meet. Attendance	Contributions	Congregations	Miscellaneous
	15	50	10	175	3	32	5	65	8			4	690	137	9
1	6	22	4	31	3	7	3	14	5	2	2	2	185	13	348
4	1	28			1	2	2	6					15	7	
		1	18	17	5	6	3	8	4	1	1		14		13
1	5	60	20	175	5	1	2	40	6	2	1	2	450	96	
	3	54	20	110	8	1	5	88	7	3		1	300	26	
1	3	36	5	246		15	3	2	3		2	5	141	56	
	2	25	6	60		1		2			1	1	50	62	
		31	7	76		9		2	5	1		3	72	6	
	5	225			4			26	3	3				59	1
		76	18	220	16	17	6	312	20	2		26	825	92	24
	2		6	60				20							
			4	18	1				1	1			725	10	
3	10	60	5	35			1	26		4	1			5	3
		6	5	36											
	7												325		
										1					
1	1	40		30	3			2					25	50	
22	172	2314	301	2632	453	627	124	2269	893	114	42	275	11791	5725	947

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June 25.

Bethphage Church N.C.

Adjourned meeting.

Concord Presbytery met at Bethphage Church June 25th at 11. o'clock A.M. and was opened with prayer by Rev W.B. Arrowood last Mod, present.

The roll was made out & the following were present:

Ministers- W.B. Arrowood. Wm. W. Mann. C.A.L. Payne. J.A. Ramsay. J.L. Williamson. & S. Walker White.

Ruling Elders- J.J. Cochran Bethphage. S.C. Rankin of Mooresville. M.M. Gillon Concord Forest, J.A. Carson Third Creek, & T.H. Robinson Poplar Tent.

Rev J.A. Ramsay was chosen temporary Clerk.

W.R. McLelland rec'd

Rev W.R. McLelland was received on certificate, after examination, from the Presbytery of Eastern Texas, & his name enrolled.

Presbytery proceded to hear the trial Sermon of Licentiate R.S. Arrowood from John 3:7, with a view to his ordination.

Rev J.S. Thornwell of Bethel Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

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Bethphage N.C.

J.M. Wharey called.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev J.M. Wharey from the Mooresville church- promising a salary of eight hundred $800. dollars & the use of a house- was presented & read; but as neither Mr Wharey nor the Representatives of Rocky River Church, of which he is pastor, were present- it was ordered that an adjourned meeting of this body be held in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian church Concord on Monday the 26th of July 1886 at 2. o'clock P.M. and that the further consideration of said call be deferred to that meeting.

Candidate J.E.E. Wineoff rec'd

Mr John Eugene Lee Wineoff, a member of Bethphage Church, was introduced as a Candidate for the Gospel ministry and examined on experimental religion & his views on motives for seeking the ministry- a certificate of recommendation from the Session of Bethphage of which he is a member was read- which being satisfactory, he was received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the work of ministry.

Revs Messrs W.R. McLelland & J.A. Ramsay were appointed to arrange for the installation of R.S. Arrowood.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour.

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Bethphage C. N.C.

After recess- Presbytery met.
The Committee to arrange for the installation of R.S. Arnwood reported recommending that Rev Wm Rhan preach the ordination sermon, preside & propose the constitutional questions- that Rev J. A. Ramsay charge the pastor & Rev W. B. Arnwood deliver the charge to the people- and that the installation take place tomorrow at 11. o'clock A. m.- adopted.

Com. To install R. S. Arnwood Report,

Leave of absence was granted Rev Messrs W. R. McLelland, A. Walker White & C. M. Payne & Ruling Elders M. M. Gillon, J. C. Carson & S. C. Rankin.

Rev A. Walker White asked information as to the conducting of Ministerial services at the Elmwood Chapel. A paper was also read from Rev E. C. Murray asking advice as to the ordination of a ruling elder in a case in which there is no session to ordain; these overtures were referred to a committee consisting Rev Wm R. Rhan & Rev C. M. Payne.

Mr R. S. Arnwood was examined on Theology, Church History, the Sacraments & Church Government- His examination as a whole & in all its parts was sustained, as satisfactory.

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June 25.

Bethphage Church N.C.

The Committee to whom were referred certain inquiries touching the ordination of an elder in the Marion church, also no session now exists & concerning the conducting of Ministerial Services at the Elmwood Chapel- reported recommending that Rev S. C. Murray, R. B. Anderson D.D. & ruling elder J. H. Lumber be appointed as a commission to ordain the elder elect in that church as soon as practicable.
The same Committee further recommended that, until the next regular meeting of Presbytery, Rev Messrs A. Walker White & W. R. McLelland each preach at the Elmwood Chapel as often as they can do so- which was recommended & adopted-

Com { C. M. Payne & Wm R. Rhan

Supplies

It was ordered that the ordination services of R. S. Arnwood take place tomorrow at 11. o'clock A. m.

Presbytery then adjourned & met tomorrow morning at 11. o'clock
Closed with prayer.

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June 26.

Bethphage Church N.C.

Saturday, June 26.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

Rev W.W. Pharr preached the ordination sermon from 1 Tim. 4:2. The constitutional questions were propounded to the candidate Rev. S. Arrowood & to the congregation.

Ordination of Rev. S. Arrowood

The Presbytery then by prayer & the laying on of hands did solemnly ordain Rev Arrowood to the full work of the ministry, & install him pastor of Bethphage Church.

Rev J.A. Ramsay then delivered the charge to the pastor & Rev W.B. Arrowood the charge to the people

Presbytery then ajourned to meet in the Lecture room of the Presbyterian Church Concord on Monday July the 26th at 2. o'clock P.M.

closed with prayer & the benediction.

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk

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July 26

Concord N.C.

Adjourned Meeting.

Concord Presbytery met in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church July 26th 1886 according to adjournment & was opened with prayer by Rev W.B. Arrowood last moderator present.

The roll was made out & the following members were present:

Ministers - W.B. Arrowood. C.M. Payne. J.E. Williamson. S.S. Arrowood & J.M. Veazey.

Ruling Elders - S.C. Brantin Mooresville
D.W. Flow - Rocky River
M.M. Gillan - Concord.

Ruling Elder M.M. Gillon was appointed to act as Temporary Clerk.

Rev E.C. Murray was commissioned to receive members into the Mooresville Church (Rocky River Session there) if they be chosen.

J.M. Veazey called

The call from the Mooresville church for the pastoral services of Rev J.M. Veazey - which meeting was presented & read at the last adjourned & referred to this one for further consideration, was taken up & read.

The Commissioners from the Church of Rocky River being called upon stated that the congregation agreed to unite

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with Rev Wharey in requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relation which, joint request was granted.

J.M. Wharey
Rocky River
pastoral relation dissolved

The Moderator then declared the Rocky River Church vacant & the Clerk was instructed to notify the Church of the same.

The call from the Mooresville Church was then put into the hands of Rev Wharey and accepted by him. Whereupon Rev J. M. Wharey & Ruling Elder S. C. Rankin were appointed to arrange for the installation at Mooresville & report at the next regular meeting.

Call to Mooresville

Rev C. M. Payne was appointed to hold Communion services at Rocky River at his early convenience.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Marion on Wednesday the eighth (8th) of Sept. 1886. at 11. o'clock A.M.

Closed with prayer.

William H. Thom S.C.

Examined and approved as far as written

Concord Town Oct 7th A.D. 1886

John W. Primrose
Moderator

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Concord Presbytery

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Sept. 8th

Marion N.C.

Concord Presbytery met in Marion Sept. 8th according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by Rev C. A. Munroe from Neh. I: 17.
After which Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the retiring Moderator Rev C. A. Munroe.
The roll was called & the following present:

Ministers.	Elders	Churches.
W. A. Wood D.D.	Thos. McConnell	Back Creek.
J. Rumple D.D.	M. G. Morrison	Bethany
Wm W. Pharr	S. M. Furr	Bethpage
J. W. Davis D.D.	E. M. McNeely	Centre
R. W. Boyd	E. M. Erwin	Marion
C. A. Munroe	W. N. Johnston	Mooresville
J. A. Ramsay	R. K. Pressell	Morganton
W. R. McLelland	M. L. Barnhardt	Norwood
W. B. Arrowood	G. G. McCoy	Old Fort
A. W. White	J. C. Barnhardt	Rocky River
E. C. Murray	R. A. Knox	Salisbury
R. S. Arrowood	Jas. M. Gamble	Siloam
R. B. Anderson	M. W. Hill	Statesville
W. B. Tidball	J. G. Ramsay	Third Creek
C. M. Payne	J. K. Graham	Thyatira.
	J. A. Gamble	Turkey Cove.

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Marion N. C.

Rev W. R. McClelland was chosen Moderator & Rev J. A. Ramsay & W. A. Knox Temporary Clerks.

Presbytery then took a recess until 2½ o.clk.

After recess. Presbytery met. The minutes of the last Stated meeting & of adjourned meetings were read.

R. E. Ignatius rec'd as candidate

Mr Robt. E. Ignatius a member of the Mocksville church was introduced with a view of being received under the care of presbytery as a candidate for the Ministry. Examined on experimental religion & motives for seeking the ministry. This examination being sustained & the Session of the Mocksville church having presented the certificate required by our Standing rules he was received & the Stated Clerk directed to give him a written Statement of this fact that he may carry it with him to Texas.

Reports of temporary supplies:

Rev J. Rumple M.D. reported that he preached at Bloiving Rock on the 3d & 4th Sabbaths of July & dedicated the church

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Marion N. C.

ture according to appointment.

Rev C. A. Munroe reported that he preached at the same place on the 5th Sab. of August according to appointments.

Supplies Report.

Rev J. A. Ramsay reported that his alternate Rev J. M. Wharey fulfilled his appointment at the same place.

Rev W. W. Phar reported his excuse for the non-fulfillment of his appointment at the same place which was sustained as satisfactory.

Rev N. A. Woodson reported the fulfillment of his appointment at Mocksville & Rev J. A. Ramsay the fulfillment of his at Trouttman's dep't.

Excuse for absence.

Letters of excuse for absence from the present meeting were read from Rev Messrs J. D. Williamson, E. F. Rockwell D.D. J. M. Wharey & B. L. Veal & their excuses sustained.

W. D. Tidball called. Taylorsville

A call for the pastoral services of Rev W. B. Tidball was presented & read from the Taylorsville church promising a Salary of $250. for one half his time. This call was referred to a committee consisting of Rev Messrs R. W. Boyd. N. W. White & J. C. Bernhardt ruling Elder

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Marion N. C.

A communication was read from N. C. Summers Clerk of the Session of Concord Church (Indell), & referred to the committee of Home Missions.

A letter was also received from Rev J. A. Smith D.D. & referred to the same committee.

The Semi-annual report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was presented & referred to the Committee of Finance.

The annual reports of the Trustees of Davidson College were read & referred to the Committee on Davidson College.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Com. by Moderator

Narrative to Synod – Rev J. Rumple, & M. M. Hill & W. S. Johnston.

On Minutes of Genl. Assembly – Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. Rev W. B. Arrowood & ruling elder J. G. Ramsay.

Finance – Rev A. Walker White & E. M. Erwin & R. A. Knox ruling elders.

Judicial Committee – Rev C. A. Monroe & E. M. McNeely & M. G. Barnhardt ruling elders.

Bills & Overtures – Rev R. W. Boyd & J. C. Barnhardt & M. G. Morrison ruling elders.

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Committee to nominate Trustees of Davidson College – Rev W. A. Woodside, Rev E. E. Murray & Jas. M. Saunders ruling elder.

On Evangelistic work – Rev C. A. Payne & ruling elders S. M. Furr.

On Devotional Exercises – Rev E. E. Murray & S. G. McCoy.

Com. to arrange for appointment of Evangelists.

It was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to co-operate, during this session of Presbytery, with the Home Mission Committee, in considering & reporting upon the propriety of appointing two additional Evangelists, one for Watauga & Ashe Counties & one for McDowell, Yancy & Mitchell Counties, & if the proposition be deemed expedient to report the best methods of raising the necessary salaries for the Evangelists, & the time & method of their appointments.

Rev C. A. Monroe & ruling elders E. M. Erwin & J. A. Gwinn were appointed as the committee contemplated in the above order.

Turkey Cove Organized.

The committee appointed therein reported that on May 30th they organized a church at Turkey Cove by the name of Turkey Cove.

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Sept. 8th consisting of seven members. with one ruling Elder & one Deacon elected & installed. The report was received & approved. the name of the church & the name of the elder from said church enrolled.

E. C. Murray installed. The committees to install Rev E. C. Murray reported that on the 29th day of Nov. 1885 they installed him pastor of Old Fort & Sloam & on the 14th day of Dec. 1885 they installed him pastor of the Marion church. which reports were received & approved.

P. T. P. Sketch report. The committee to prepare a biographical sketch of Rev P. T. Pennick decd reported the sketch not prepared as yet. The committee was continued & directed to report during the sessions of Presbytery to be held during the meeting of Synod at Concord.

It was made the order for tomorrow morning to hear Sessional reports on the State of religion in our bounds,

Sab. School Convention Report. Rev Messrs. W. B. Arrowood E. C. Murray. C. A. Monroe & J. E. Graham were appointed to consider the subject

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Sept 8th & 9th of Sabbath school conventions & report to Presbytery.

It was made the order for tomorrow morning at 11. o'clock to hear the Lecture of Rev J. W. Davis D.D. on Japan.

Forest & Lebanon Chs Organized. Rev W. B. Arrowood Evangelist, reported that on the 1st Sabbath of Nov. 1885 he organized the Church of Forest with seven members & on the 2nd Sabbath of Nov. 1885 he organized the Church of Lebanon with 8 members. both churches in Stanly Co. This report was received & the names of these churches ordered to be enrolled.

Presbytery then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9. o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Sept. 9th Thursday morning Sept. 9th Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

Tardiness & Excuses. Rev Messrs C. M. Payne. R. S. Arrowood. W. B. Tidball & R. B. Anderson D.D. appeared in Presbytery & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

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ruling elders - A.J. Seagle of Newton S.S. Trott of Franklin. R.W. Johnston of Hickory appeared & their names were enrolled.

(Old) Salem property.

The committee on the property of (Old) Salem Church, reported that nothing definite touching the sale of said property had been done - the report was recieved & the committee continued & instructed & empowered to sell said property to the Associate Reformed Church - as soon as the way is clear - & report the facts to Presbytery.

Taylorsville call - for W.B. Tidball returned.

Rev R.W. Boyd from the committee to whom was referred the call from Taylorsville Ch. reported that they had examined said call & found it irregular, in that it was not accompanied with a certificate from the Moderator of the congregation, to the effect that the provisions of the Book of Church Order had been complied with. & recommended that the call be returned to said church - with instructions to prepare the call in accordance with the provisions of the Book.

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Dr. J.A.R. Thomas ruling elder from Shiloh appeared & his name enrolled.

Presbytery took up the 1st order of the day viz: Free conversation on the State of Religion in our bounds.

Recess was taken for nine minutes.

After recess - Presbytery met & took up the 2nd order viz: to hear the lecture on Japan by Rev J.W. Davis D.D.

J.W. Davis Lecture & collection.

After the lecture a collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to $16.30.

Payne & Phoss com.

Rev Messrs C.A. Payne & Wm W. Pharr were appointed to bring in a resolution touching the lecture & early departure of Bro Davis for China.

Presbytery then took recess until 2½ o'clock P.M.

After recess.

corresponding member.

Presbytery met - Rev J.A. Campbell of Mecklenburg Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Education -

The Committee of Education made the following report which was adopted:

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Your committee find from our last Spring reports that 26 of our 43 Churches have given to this cause $893. Seventeen churches report no collections for this cause viz: Statesville Unity. Beulah. Forest. Lebanon. Old Fort. Bethany. Bethesda. Frontina Concord (Rudell) Shiloh. New Salem Amsilla. Tabor. Bethel. Elis & Salem.

The Presbytery has now under its care six Candidates - Three of these have been assisted.

C. W. Maxwell aided $100. He graduated this Summer at Davidson College - will teach a year before going to the Seminary & asks nothing for this year.

His Standing & deportment good.

J. A. Harris now in the junior class D. College aided $100. last year & asks the same for this year.

His Standing & deportment good.

R. W. Culbertson now at the D. Seminary received $50. from Presbytery & $20. from a Scholarship thro Dr E. H. Smith - asks $150 for next year.

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Jno. W. Lafferty now in the junior class Princeton Seminary - asks no aid.

Jno. Eugene Vinecoff now in the Freshman Class Davidson College asks no aid.

Robt. E. Lentz, received at this meeting is now on his way to Texas to study with Dr Dabney & asks no aid.

Your committee by your order expended last year $250. & ask the same for this year viz: $100 for Mr Harris & $150 for Mr Culbertson.

Of the $893. raised in our bounds for Education less than $300. came into the hands of your Treasurer - of this amount over $500 was given to Schools & Colleges.

com { E. H. Payne, Wm. Dehart, W. J. Martin

Publication Report.

The Agt. of Publication made the following report which was accepted & adopted:

Your Agt. begs leave to report, that for the year ending April 1st 1886. the Churches of this Presbytery have contributed $114.00. to the cause of Publication. This is an increase over the contributions of last year of $21. yet the

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contributions are not such as the cause merits, nor such as are sufficient to meet the demands of the cause.

Seventeen of our churches are reported as contributing nothing to this cause - Two of these viz: Statesville & Poplar Tent. are among our largest & strongest churches.

Publication Report. Nine of the contributing churches have each given only the nominal sum of $1.00. among these are such churches as Prospect, Unity, Franklin Bethesda & Concord (Rudell) Third Creek, Bethphage & Mooresville are represented as giving only $2.00.

The largest contributing Churches are Morganton, Lenoir, Rocky River & Thyatira; & the largest contributing church to this cause Lenoir $16.00.

Surely these contributions will not be claimed as equal to the importance of the cause, nor the ability of the churches. It is known that these contributions are used in our own bounds in prosecution of the work of Colportage; & hence if we deem this an important work our support of it should be

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more liberal. Your A.S.T. would recommend that Presbytery urge all its pastors, Stated Supplies & Sessions to give more attention to this cause & endeavor faithfully to secure for it more liberal contributions.

J. A. Ramsay A.S.T.

Com. of Colportage Report. The Committee of Colportage offered the following report, which has received & referred to the Committee of Finance:

Your Committee would report that during the year ending with this date, they have had a Colporteur constantly at work. He has been laboring all the time save about 2 weeks in the month of Jany. during severe weather.

Your Committee believe that he has done faithful, & we trust effective work. Many sound religious books & numbers of copies of the Bible have by him, been distributed in the various families within our bounds.

Owing to the stringency of the times, & the known fact that there is but little money in the country, our sales have not been quite as large this year as last. amounting to something over $250. yet the people generally seem pleased

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Sept 9. with our books. are anxious to buy & are often prevented solely because they have not the money. There have been not a few instances in which persons have paid the last cent in their possession in order to secure one of our books.

Col Portaj's Report. Your committee have paid the salary of the Colporteur to May 1st 1886. & are now indebted to him for 3 months service; but unless the Treasurer has received funds for this cause since our last advice, there is not sufficient funds in the Treasury to meet this demand.

As per your report of the Sept. of Publications the receipts from all the churches amounted only to $114.00. unless the churches will increase their contributions the work cannot be self-sustaining

J. N. Ramsay
Com { J. Walker White.

Secretaries Report. Secretaries J. C. Kennedy & C. M. Pickhall made report of their labors since last meeting. which Reports were rec'd & approved.

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Sept. 9th Rev R. W. Boyd Commissioner to the Genl. Assembly reported his attendance, but that sickness prevented his attending all its Sessions.

Commissioner to Genl. Ass'y. Report. Col. J. C. Barnhardt ruling elder. also reported that sickness prevented his attendance upon the Sessions of the Genl. Assembly.

These reports were received & approved & their excuses sustained & the Treasurer directed to pay the Expenses of Rev R. W. Boyd.

The committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Trustees of Davidson College, made the following report which was accepted & adopted.

D. College Annual Report. Your committee would report that we have great cause for gratitude to God for the manner in which he has blessed the work of the Trustees & Faculty of Davidson College during the past year.

We heartily endorse the administration of President McKinnon & warmly commend him for his faithful & successful labors.

The increase in the number of Students from 98 to 115, & in the

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Sept 9 income of the College during past year is exceedingly gratifying.

We also gratefully commend Rev J. B. Mack D.D. for the zeal which he has manifested in the prosecution of his work.

The election of Prof. W. S. Currell Ph.D. to the chair of English & Psychology is approved; & also the appointment of Dr Barringer as the College physician.

We assure the Trustees of our continued sympathy, prayers & hearty co-operation; & to our people we again earnestly commend our college as a most excellent institution for the intellectual, social & spiritual training of their sons.

Your committee recommend that the first hour tomorrow afternoon be set apart to the consideration of the interests of our College & that the members of Presbytery be invited at that time to make addresses on the subject.

com { E. C. Murray / J. M. Grier

M. College Report.

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Sept 9th & 10th Trustees of M. College appointed.

The Committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College reported recommending that Rev Messrs Shaw & Mr S. H. Wiley be re-appointed to serve for a term of four years which was rec'd & adopted.

com { W. A. Wood / E. C. Murray & / Jas. M. Grier

It was made the first order for tomorrow morning to hear the report of the Committee of Home Missions.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Sept 10th

Friday Sept. 10th 1886
9 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

Statistical Report.

Statistical Report.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical report which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to Synod;

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Concord reports: 21 ministers; 43 churches; 2 licentiates;

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Sept 10th 6 Candidates; 3881 Communicants $23640 dollars, aggregate of all the funds raised during the year ending March 31st 1886, being $1260 less than was raised the year before.

178 members were added to the churches during the year on examination.

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2 ministers were recieved viz; W. R. McClelland June 25th 1886 from Eastern Texas & W. B. Tidball Oct. 24th 1885.

3 churches organized viz: Forest Nov 1st 1885. Lebanon Nov 8th 1885. & Turkey Cove May 30th 1886.

Three candidates recieved viz: C. M. Tidball April 15. 1886. J. E. Wineoff June 25th 1886 & Robt. E. Lentz Sept 6th 1886

One minister died viz: Rev P. D. Penick March 29th 1886.

One ordination: R. L. Atwood June 26. 1886.

Four installations viz: E. C. Murray Nov 29th 1885 over Siloam & Old Fort. & Dec. 14th 1885 over Marion. R. L. Atwood June 26. 1886 over Bethpage

One dissolution of pastoral relation viz J. M. Wharey & Rocky River June 26 1886.

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Sept 10th One Licensure viz: C. M. Tidball April 19th 1886.

Fifteen ministers in charge of 35 churches; 13 Pastors; 2 Stated supplies; one Evangelist; 2 Licentiates; one Foreign Missionary; One President of College; Four churches vacant.

Average salary paid Ministers in charge of churches $ 85-57.

Fourteen Manses, aggregate value $ 21.700.

No minister or church in 6 counties viz; Yadkin. Yancy. Mitchell. Watauga. Ashe & Alleghany.

The next Stated meeting of Presbytery at Salisbury on the 7th day of April 1887. 8. o'clock P.M.

Attest: Wm M. Shaw S. C.

Home Missions:

The Com. of Home Missions made the following Report, which was taken up Seriatim & adopted:

Marion Sept 6. 1886

The joint committee on Home Missions met- present: R. B. Anderson C. A. Monroe. W. A. Wood M. M. & J. Engle M. D.

It was agreed to recommend-

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1. That Rev Messrs Monroe & Rumple hold a protracted meeting at Blowing Rock - including the 5th Sabbath of Oct.

2. That Rev C. A. Monroe be appointed to preach one Sabbath each month at Blowing Rock & Chapel point this until the Spring meeting of the Presbytery, his churches agreeing thereto. & that the Home Mission Committee supply Mr Monroe's pulpit during his absence at Blowing Rock.

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3 That the Home Mission Committee pay travelling expenses of Mr Monroe & the supplies sent to fill his pulpit,

Adjourned.

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The Committee met. present; Rev D. Anderson, C. A. Monroe, N. A. Wood, J. H. Rumple & J. Rumple.

4 The Order of supplies for Mr Monroe's pulpit - 1. Payne. 2 Wood. 3 White 4 Wm H. Thum. 5 Ramsay. 6 Boyd. 7 Anderson.

5. Ordered that the Blowing Rock Chapel & Sabbath School be placed

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under the care of the Senior Session until a minister is appointed to that field.

6 We recommend that Rev C. A. Monroe be added to the Com. of Home Missions & be secretary thereof & that J. G. Hall be Treasurer for the Evangelistic fund, & that the Committee be charged with the business of raising, as well as of disbursing the funds for Evangelistic work.

Home Missions Report.

7 We recommend that a new mission field be composed of Drusilla Tuttle Cove & such points in Yancy & Mitchell counties as the Home Mission Com. may select, & that the Committee place Evangelists in the field as soon as the may be open.

8 Inasmuch as Sustentation money has been used hitherto for Evangelistic work, we recommend that the Presbytery direct the Home Mission Com. to collect unpaid assessments for Evangelistic work for this year, in order to meet indebtedness for Sustentation work - which indebtedness will amount to about $325 - by the close of the year.

9 In regard to the application for aid

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Sept 10. for certain destitute persons in Gadsden Co. We recommend that the Stated Clerk inform Rev Dr Smith, that the Presbytery has no provision for caring for the poor, except for ministers' families. & that we have no church within 20 miles of Jonesville to which we can refer the case mentioned. It appears probable that these persons are members of some Church in Orange Presbytery to which the case should be referred.

H. Missions Report.

10. We further recommend that Presbytery approve the continuance of the relation of Rev E. M. Tidball & the Concord Group of churches until the meeting of Presbytery during the sessions of Synod at Concord, in Oct. next.

E.M. Tidball supply.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute touching the address of Rev Dr J. W. Davis & his early departure for China offered the following the following which was adopted by a rising vote & the Presbytery led in prayer by Rev J. Rumple D.D.:

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Sept. 10. Whereas- This Presbytery has been highly favored in having the presence of our Foreign Missionary Rev J. W. Davis D.D. & in hearing his impressive, instructive & able lecture on the Foreign work.

Report of com on address &c. J. W. Davis. 1. Resolved. That we evince our high appreciation of the same, by a rising vote of thanks.

2. That we recognize the peculiar relation he sustains to us as a member of our body; & solemnly pledge him our prayers, sympathies & hearty co-operation in the great work in which he is engaged.

3. Resolved- That the Presbytery unite in a formal act of worship craving the blessing of Almighty God upon him & all his; & that to this end the Presbytery be led in prayer by Rev J. Rumple D.D.

Com { E.M. Payne / W.W. Mann

Presbytery then took recess until 2½ o'clock P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met- The following was adopted: Resolved- That Rev E. A. Monroe be appointed as a commission to receive members & organize a church at Blowing Rock, if he may be clear.

E. A. Monroe to organize a Ch. at Blowing Rock.

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Sept. 10. The committee on Evangelistic work made the following report which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded to Synod:

Report on Evangelistic work to Synod.

Concord Presbytery would report to the Synod of N.C. that it does not cooperate with the Central Com of the Gen. Assembly, but manages its work through its Home Mission Committee.

This Presbytery has two fields. The Eastern field has been occupied by one Evangelist for all his time.

The Western field has been filled for 4 months by a student from Union Theological Seminary.

Presbytery has raised & expended for Evangelistic work in its bounds during the year about $300.

Com { C.A. Payne / S.A. Finger

Narrative:

Rev J. Rumple M.D. from the committee to prepare a narrative to Synod, offered the following, which was accepted & ordered to be forwarded:

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully reports to the Synod of N.C. that

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Sept. 10. Reports have been heard from 38 of our 43 churches & that these reports show that the attendance upon public service has been good in nearly all of them, & in 13 has been sensibly increased during the year.

Narrative to Synod.

Family worship is reported as observed in 32 of our churches, & only two newly organized ones are represented as having no family altars.

Two report all the families as holding family worship - others nine tenths, three fourths, one half - down to one sixth or less.

It appears that the efforts of the Presbytery in this direction have borne good fruit.

Twenty five churches have regular or occasional prayer meeting, most of them well attended & several increasing in interest.

Thirty four of the reporting churches are fostering Sabbath Schools & Bible Classes & it is known that still others have them.

A number of these Schools are represented as increasing in interest, & nearly all are characterized as good or encouraging.

The cause of Temperance among our members is nearly unanimously

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represented as good, in a few instances has been need for discipline for intemperance.

In several churches & communities there is entire absence of saloons.

It is believed that a marked improvement has taken place in this direction.

In 36 of our churches, it is reported that the Sabbath is observed either strictly, or with the average measure of presbyterian fidelity.

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All our churches, that enjoy the services of a minister, make contributions to benevolent causes - a large number of them to all, or nearly all the causes. & some of them liberally to all.

There have been additions by examination in most of our churches, in several, large additions, & in one or two instances an increase of 100 per cent.

While a few deplore their condition as discouraging, the greater number regard their State as good, average, healthy, fair, improving.

Looking upon the various points presented in the "free conversation", the Presbytery is convinced that substantial progress has been made during the past year.

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We therefore are convinced that there is good ground for us to thank God & take courage. God has not left us without manifest tokens of his favor. To him be all the praise.

J. Rumple
com { M.W. Hall

Colportage Book examined.

The committee to examine the book & vouchers of the colportage committee reported - recommending the approval of the same - Adopted.

Presbytery took up the order of the day, viz; the consideration of the interests of Davidson College - when addresses were made by Revs J. Rumple D.D. Wm. W. Thaw. C. M. Payne & J. A. Ramsay. After which the following was adopted: Resolved -

D. College endorsed

That this Presbytery heartily endorses Davidson College under its present administration & pledges to it the support of their influence, prayers & co-operation.

Com. to exam Minutes of Genl. Assly. Report.

The committee to examine the minutes of the Genl. Assembly made the following report - which was taken up seriatim & its recommendations adopted:

Your Committee recommend -

That in accordance with the action

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Sept. 10. of the Genl. Assembly, strongly commending the American Bible Society to the cordial support of the Church, We recommend the following:

Inasmuch as the Bible cause is a fundamental object of christian effort, each church in this Presbytery is urged to take up at least one collection annually for the American Bible Society

2. The attention of presbytery is called to the fact that the last Genl. Assembly, in view of the pressing claims of the For. Missionary work & the debt hanging on it, authorized the Executive Com. to make, during the months of Oct. & Feb. of each year, special appeals for private offerings from the churches & individuals, & that such special appeals shall not be made at other times

Minutes of Genl. Assy. Report.

3. On the Sabbath:

(1) This Presbytery commends most earnestly the resolution passed by the last Genl. Assembly condemning in emphatic terms the publication & reading of Sunday editions of news papers & the running of R.R. trains & earnestly advises all our people not to read these Sunday papers, nor in any way patronize Sunday R.R. trains.

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Sept. 10 (2) Presbytery continues to enjoin upon all its ministers to preach frequently upon this subject, & upon Sessions to guard the people against the sin of Sabbath desecration; & to take notice of the violation of the Sabbath by members of the church & admonish & reprove them in the name of Christ, & if they persist in their infractions of the 4th commandment, they are to be regarded as offence demanding & punishing discipline.

4 Your committee would call the attention of this Presbytery to the change made by the last Assembly in the collection for Indian Mission Genl. Assy. Report.

com { W. B. Anderson / W. B. Atkinson

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Sept 11. 9 o'clock A.M.

Sept. 11. Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Minutes of yesterday read & approved. The Finance Com. made the following report which was rec'd & adopted:

Your committee report that they have received, during this meeting, the

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following Funds:

Presbyterial collection for — For. Missions $16.20
Ladies Missionary Society of the Marion ch. for " " $8.00
From Bethesda ch. for Evangelistic work — $2.00
From Wilkesboro ch. for Home Missions $9.00
" " For. Missions — 3.26
" " Invalid Fund — 3.44
" " Publication — 2.05
" " Education — 2.00
" " Institution — 2.05

making a total of funds placed in our hands of $48.30.

We recommend that these funds be placed in the hands of Mr R. A. Knox & that he be instructed to place them in the hands of the Treasurer C. D. Davis, with instructions as to what causes they are to be applied to.

com { A. Walker White, R. A. Knox, A. M. Erwin

The com. on Bills & Overtures reported no business & were discharged.

The Special Com. on Colportage work offered a report which was received — & the following adopted as a substitute for the whole:

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Sept. 11. Colportage resolutions.

Resolved — That Presbytery continue this work of Colportage as now conducted until the Spring meeting of Presbytery — & that the present Colportage Committee be appointed a Special committee to devise some other plan of work & report to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

The Special committee on Sabbath School Conventions made the following which was rec'd & adopted:

Sab. School Convention Report.

Your com. appointed to consider the question of Sabbath School conventions & other matters pertaining to the interest of the Sab. School work — would report that the last Genl. Assembly made various recommendations to the Presbyteries on this subject — all of which we have considered, & with the view of carrying out the spirit of those recommendations, we submit the following for the adoption of Presbytery:

1 This Presbytery would call the attention of our Supt. of Sab. Schools & Stated Clerks to the complaint of the Genl. Assembly that many of the reports sent up from some of the Presbyteries are incomplete, not having the columns of figures added up, & some not attested by the Stated Clerks.

2 This Presbytery earnestly commends

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Sept. 11th where practicable, that teachers meetings be held weekly for the study of the lessons; also that teachers prayer meetings be held for a short service before the opening of the school & that the Bible readings accompanying the lessons, be used at family worship.

3. That Sessions see to it that our own books & papers are taken & used in our schools & where others are taken, that such helps are sound in the faith as held by the Presbyterian Church.

Com. on Sab. School & Convention Report. 4. That the Sessions & Sab. School workers use all diligence to secure the attendance of the older as well as the younger persons to attend the Sab. School, that the School may be what it ought to be, the Church studying the word of God.

5. That, where practicable, the Sab. School shall have an opportunity to make contributions to all the causes of benevolence recommended by the Assembly.

6. This Presbytery urges the Church Sessions to use the utmost over sight in order that the Shorter Catechism may be thoroughly taught in the family & in the Sab. School.

7. This Presbytery urges the Sessions to see that teachers & scholars use

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8. Presbytery urges the Sessions to use all deligence to invite into the School such persons as may collect out side the School room.

Sab. School Convention 9. This Presbytery directs (1) that a Sab. School convention be held on the day before the meeting of each fall meeting of Pres. & the members of Presbytery together with the superintendant & one representative from each School in the Presbytery shall be members of this convention.

(2) That a committee consisting of Com. A.J.T. Allen, Moore, Dr. Crumpler & E.C. Murray & Ruling Elders A.C. McCall Entosh & E.T. Lumley be appointed to arrange for said convention, make out a programme of exercises, secure suitable persons before hand to make addresses on the various subjects to be considered & to do whatever in their judgment is necessary to make the convention a success

Com { W.B. Atkinson
E.A. Moore

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During the sessions of this body, the following members obtained leave of absence:

Ministers- W. A. Wood D.D. J. W. Davis D.D. J. Rumple D.D. & W. B. Tidball.

Ruling Elders:

Dr J. A. F. Thomas. J. C. Barnhardt. M. L. Barnhardt. W. A. Johnston. S. M. Furr. A. J. Seagle & R. A. Fink.

The Clerk of Presbytery were tendered to the citizens of Marion & vicinity for their cordial hospitality during our sessions; also to the various R. R. Companies for reduced rates of fare.

Presbytery chose to hold their next stated meeting in Salisbury on the 7th day of April 1887- beginning at 8 o.clock P.M.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator in Concord Town during the sessions of Synod.

Closed with singing, prayer & the Apostolic benediction.

William W. Pharr S.C.

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Adjourned meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment in Concord Oct. 6th 1886 & was opened with prayer by Moderator Rev W. W. McLelland

Present at roll-call-

Ministers- J. Rumple D.D. W. A. Wood D.D. Wm. W. Pharr. R. W. Boyd. W. W. McLelland. W. B. Arnwood. J. C. Williamson. E. C. Murray. R. L. Arnwood. J. A. Ramsay. J. M. Wharey. C. M. Payne. R. B. Anderson D.D. & W. B. Tidball.

Elders	Churches
H. L. Williamson -	Newton
T. M. McConnell -	Back Creek
L. M. Furr -	Bethpage
E. M. McNeely -	Centre
Dr. A. Sloop	Prospect
Dr. J. J. Summerell	Salisbury
J. D. Monson -	Rocky River
L. R. Neal -	Davidson College
H. C. Summers -	Concord (2nd)
Dr J. E. B. Adams -	Fifth Creek

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Oct. 6. J. C. Rankin - Mooresville

A call from Concord Church (Iredell) for the pastoral services of Licentiate E. A. Tedhall, was read - promising $300. & the use of a manse for one half his time; this call being in due form - was put in his hands.

E. A. Tedhall called to Concord (Ired)

Rev W. W. Pharr from the committee to prepare a Biographical Sketch of Rev D. F. Pennick deceased - read a prepared Sketch of the life & labors of the same, which was received - adopted & ordered to be recorded in our Book of Biographical Sketches - a copy to be given to the family of the deceased & also a copy to be sent to the N.C. Presbyterian - with request to publish.

Biographical Sketch of Rev D. F. P. decd

Mr John M. Swindle a member of Turkey Cove church presented himself as an applicant for Licensure as a probationer for the ministry; but as Mr Swindle had not studied the Hebrew Language nor taken any regular course in Theology - his case was referred to a committee consisting of Rev Messrs J. A. Wheary, W. A. Wood & Elder

J. M. Swindle applies for Licensure.

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Oct. 6th and ruling elder Wm J. F. Summerell to report as soon as practicable.

This committee, after due consideration, reported - recommending that he be examined with a view of procuring him under the care of presbytery - which report was adopted.

Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr Swindle on experimental religion & his motives for seeking the ministry; this examination being satisfactory - he was received under the care of presbytery as a Candidate for the gospel ministry & directed to pursue a course of study under Rev E. C. Murray & appear before this at their Spring meeting with a view to his licensure.

J. M. Swindle examined

Rec'd as Candidate.

directions.

John 14:1-3. was assigned as a text for a popular Lecture & John 3:16 as a text for his sermon.

Parts of Trial

Rev Messrs R. W. Boyd, W. W. Pharr & Elder E. A. McNeely were appointed to suggest parts of trial for candidate R. W. Culbertson now in the Seminary.

The request for aid from candidate R. E. Beaty - was referred to the Com. of Education.

R. E. Beaty referred.

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Oct. 6. Rev C. M. Payne was directed to hold communion at Rocky River on the 5th Sabbath of Oct. Rev W. D. A- supply. Norwood to assist him.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

Oct. 7th — Oct 7. 1886.

Presbytery met at the call of the moderator- present as before.

C. M. Tidball accepts call — Secretale C. M. Tidball signified his acceptance of the call from Concord church. Whereupon Rev Messrs J. M. Wharey- W. A. Wood sl. d. & ruling Elder Dr J. J. Summerell were appointed to arrange for his ordination & installation.

W. S. Lacy called to Concord & Bethel — A call from Davidson College church for the pastoral services of Rev W. S. Lacy of Fayetteville Presbytery was read promising a salary of $900. for the whole of his time & ept morning services on two Sabbaths of each month. Also a call from Bethel church for the same promising a salary of $375. for one half of his time i.e. 2 Sabbath mornings each month.

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Oct. 7 — Permission was granted Davidson College church to prosecute their call before the Pres. of Fayetteville.

Rev Dr Rumple & Dr McKinnon were appointed to assist these churches in the prosecution of their call.

Report of Com. to arrange for ordination &c Tidball — The committee appointed to arrange for the Ordination & installation of C. M. Tidball reported recommending that when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Statesville on Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath in Nov. next at 9 o'clk A. M. which was adopted & so ordered.

W. D. Tidball to hold call from Taylorsville — Permission was granted Rev W. D. Tidball to hold the call from Taylorsville church until the adjourned meeting at Statesville.

R. E. Beaty transfer — The Stated Clerk was authorized to grant Candidate Robt. E. Beaty a certificate of transfer to the Presbytery of Central Texas - if he should desire it.

Supply. — Rev J. M. Wharey was appointed to assist Rev W. E. McLelland in a meeting at Bethany church.

The committee to assign trial pieces to Mr Culbertson recommended the following which was adopted:

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Oct 7. 1. Sermon—Jno. 10:15.
Trial pieces. 2. Popular Lecture—Ps 1:5T
Culbertson. 3 Exeg. Exegesis—Heb. 4:1–11.
4 Extem Thesis—"Ardet sanctus Spiritus personus"

C.M. Tidball text for Trial Sermon

Do Mr C.M. Tidball was assigned Rom. 8:1. as a text for trial sermon for ordination.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday
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Oct 9.

Presbytery was called to order by Rev W.B. Arrowood last Moderator present, & opened with prayer.

E.F. Alexander rec'd as candidate referred to com. Education

A quorum being present—
Mr Edgar Floyd Alexander was introduced to Presbytery with a view of being received under its care as a candidate for the ministry.
The required certificate from the Session of Rocky River having been read, Pres. proceeded to examine him on Experimental religion & his motives for seeking the ministry;
This examination being satisfactory

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Oct 9. he was received under the care of Pres, as a candidate for the ministry & referred to the Committee of Education with instructions to assist him according to our Manual & to make the arrangements suggested in a letter from Rev A. Watts White.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Statesville on Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath of Nov 1886 at 9 o'clock A.M.

Closed with prayer.

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk

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Nov 3d. Concord Presbytery met ... in Presbyterian Church Statesville Nov 3, according to adjournment & was opened with prayer by Rev E. F Rockwell M.d.

The roll was called & the following present:-

Ministers- E. F. Rockwell M.d. W. A. Wood M.d. Wm. W. Pharr. J. M. Wharey. W. R. McClelland. & A. Walker White.

Ruling Elders-
M. G. Morrison - Bethany.
J. T. Goodman - Bethesda.
L. F. Stevenson - Concord Iredell

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Licentiate C. M. Tidball with a view to his ordination - when he was examined on experimental religion. Philosophy & Theology.

C. M. T. examined.

After lunch. Presbytery recalled from business until 2½ o'clock P. M.

After recess - Presbytery met & proceded to the examination of Mr Tidhall on Church History. Church Government - the Sacraments & his knowledge of the Greek & Hebrew Languages

Statesville cont'd

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Nov 3. Concord Church Iredell, N.C.

Presbytery then proceded to hear the trial sermon of Mr Tidhall from Rom. 8:1. when the sermon & the examination as a whole & all its parts were approved as satisfactory.

C. M. T. exam. bpl & ord.

It was ordered that the ordination & installation of Licentiate C. M. Tidhall take place tomorrow morning at 11. o'clock at Concord church Iredell,

Rev W. B. Tidhall signified his declination of the call from Taylorsville church - when the call was ordered to be returned to said Taylorsville, church.

W. B. Tidhall declines the call to Taylorsville

Rev W. B. Tidhall was granted permission to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery for six months.

permission granted W. B. Tidhall

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Concord church Iredell, tomorrow morning at 11. o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Nov 4. Thursday Nov 4. 1886.
11. o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met at Concord church Iredell, & was opened with prayer; present - W. A. Wood M.d. J. M. Wharey, W. B. Tidhall. & E. C. Murray. & Ruling Elder L. F. Stevenson.

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Nov 4. After sermon by Rev E. C. Murray Presbytery proceded to ordain Charles M. Tidball to the full work of the ministry by prayer & the laying on the hand of Presbytery.

C. M. Tidball Ordained installed

After which he was installed pastor of the Concord church (Indell) Rev J. H. Harvey presided - propound the constitutional questions & charged the congregation & Rev W. A. Wood D.D. delivered the charge to the pastor.

Presbytery then adjourned, with prayer & the Apostolic benediction, to meet in Salisbury April the 7th 1887. 8. o. clock. a. m.

William M. Shaw S.C.

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Pro re nata Meeting

"The requirement of the Form of Government Chap. V. Sec. IV. Par. 8 - having been complied with - Concord Presbytery is hereby called to meet in the Presbyterian church Statesville, Jan. 25th 1887 at 11. o. clock A. M. to receive the resignation of Rev A. Walker White of the pastorate of Third Creek & Fifth Creek Churches, to act on the same & to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between & said churches - if the way be clear. (Statesville, Jan 11th 1887.) W. H. McClelland Moderator."

In pursuance of the above call the Presbytery of Concord met in the Presbyterian church Statesville at the time specified & was called to order by the Moderator Rev W. H. McClelland & opened with prayer by Rev Dr R. B. Anderson.

Present - Ministers W. H. McClelland R. B. Anderson D.D. M. A. Wood D.D. & A. Walker White.

Ruling elders - W. E. Hall of Fifth Creek. J. F. Ball of Hickory.

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Jan. 25th Presbytery then took recess until 2 o. clock P. M.

After recess Presbytery met. Rev J. Rumple D.D. and ruling Elders J. G. Ramsay of Third Creek. E. McNeely of Bethesda. Wm Clarke of Union. A.L.G. Morrison of Bethany & Rev Cull. Dicked appeared in Presbytery & their names were enrolled.

Rev A. Walker White being called upon stated his reasons for asking the dissolution of the pastoral relation between him & the Churches of Third Creek & Fifth Creek. Ruling J. G. Ramsay commissioner from the Church of 3d Creek made a statement explaining the position of his church (Third Creek) in relation to the pastoral relation with Rev A. W. White.

A. Walker White 3d Creek & 5th Creek pastoral relation dissolved

Ruling elder W. E. Hall Commissioner from Fifth Creek congregation explained the position of said congregation. The parties having been fully heard Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev A. W. White & the Third Creek & Fifth Creek Churches & declared

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said churches vacant. Rev R. N. Boyd was directed to preach at Third Creek Church as soon as practicable & declare that church vacant & Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D. to do the same at Fifth Creek Church.

The minutes were read & approved.

Presbytery then adjourned.

W. W. Phar S.C.

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The Presbytery of Concord met in the Presbyterian Church Salisbury N.C. April 8th 1887 at 8. o'clock P.M. & was opened with a sermon by Rev W.R. McLelland retiring Moderator from Phil. 1: 27.

Presbytery was then constituted with prayer.

The roll was called & the following found present:

Ministers- R. L. Beall. J. Rumple D.D. Wm. Sharr. R. B. Anderson A.M. J. M. Wheary. R. W. Boyd. C. A. Mowbe. J. A. Ramsay. W. R. McLelland. J. C. Williamson. W. C. Norwood. A. Walker White. E. A. Murray. R. S. Norwood. & C. M. Tidball.

Ruling Elders	Churches
C.M. Goodnight-	Bethpage
R. R. Hill -	Elio
L. F. Stevenson-	Concord (Endell)
M. H. H. Caldwell -	Concord Town
J. R. B. Adams-	Fifth Creek
Wilson Trott-	Franklin
H. C. Hamilton -	Hickory
R. L. Beall	Lenoir
C. W. Smith	Bethany.

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A. Sprazar - Mooresville
E. A. Perkins - Morganton
S. B. Gaither - Newton
J. Lentz - New Salem.
L. W. Lowrance- Prospect.
T. A. Robinson- Poplar Tent
O. L. Davis - Salisbury
E. B. Stimson- Statesville
H. T. Burke - Taylorsville
W. L. Hyde - Third Creek
J. R. Graham - Thyatira
J. Douglass- Unity.

Absent Ministers excused- E. F. Rockwell A.M. W. A. Woodside A.M. W. D. Tidball C. M. Payne

Mod & Clks. Rev Wm. Sharr was chosen Moderator & Rev J. A. Ramsay & Ruling Elder A. Sprazar temporary clerks. & Rev J. Rumple A.M. A.M. to act as Stated Clerk during the meeting.

The hours for daily sessions were fixed from 9½ o'clock A.M. to 12½ P.M. and from 2½ P.M. to 5½ P.M.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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April 8th Friday April 9th
9½ oclock.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last Stated meeting & of adjourned meeting were read.

The Stated Clerk reported that according to orders of Presbytery he gave a certificate of transfer to candidate Rev E. Lentz to the Presbytery of Central Texas.

Rev J. Rumple & Rev C. A. Monroe reported the fulfillment of their appointments at Blowing Rock. Those appointed to fill the pulpit of Rev Monroe during his absence at said place reported the fulfillment of their appointments.

Rev W. B. Arrowood reported that he & Rev C. M. Payne fulfilled appointment at Rocky River.

C. L. Murray commissioned

Presbytery approved the action of Rev C. C. Murray in receiving members into Amiella Church & further commissioned him to hold a congregational meeting

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April 8th at said church on the 5th Sabbath in May or as soon thereafter as practicable & ordain & install Ruling Elders & Deacons therein - if there may be clear.

A. W. White called to Taylorsville

A call from the Taylorsville church for the pastoral services of Rev A. Walker White - promising a salary of $250. dollars for one half his time was read & placed in his hands.

W. B. Tidball permission

Permission was granted Rev W. B. Tidball to labor out side the bounds of this Presbytery for one year.

A communication was read from Rev J. Stacy & al. concerning Sabbath Observance & referred to the presbyterial committee on the same subject.

A communication from Rev H. N. Houston Secretary of Foreign Missions was read & referred to our Asst of Foreign Missions.

P. P. Winn a communicate

A communication was read from Rev P. P. Winn & referred to a committee consisting of Revs R. B. Anderson & A. W. White & Ruling Elder A. Leazar.

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April 8th The Moderator announced the following committees:-

On the Narrative to Gen. Assembly, Revs R. W. Boyd, J. D. Williamson & ruling Elders Wm J. R. B. Adams & E. B. Stimson.

Minutes of Synod-
Revs B. L. Beall, J. M. Wharey & Elder E. A. Perkins.

Mod. leaves.

Finance:
Ruling elders H. C. Hamilton, H. T. Burke & J. K. Graham.

Judicial Com.
Revs. R. B. Anderson & E. W. R. McLelland & Elder T. H. Robinson.

Bills & Overtures:-
Revs J. Rumple & E. R. L. Sherrard & Elder M. C. Gaither.

Devotional Exercises-
Rev J. Rumple & E. & C. D. Mann's.

Sessional Records-
Revs E. C. Murray, B. L. Beall & W. R. McLelland & Elders L. F. Stimson & J. Beaty.

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April 8th It was ordered that the narratives from the churches be referred to the committee on the Narrative- the Sab. School reports to the A.S.T. of Sab. Schools & the Statistical reports to the Committee on Systematic beneficence.

Rev W. R. McLelland & the Elder from Tabor Church were appointed a commission to ordain & install officers in said church, if the way be clear.

W. R. McLelland ordain &c. officers in Tabor.

Presbytery took a recess until 2½ o'clock P.M.

After recess- Presbytery met- The Treasurer presented his report which was referred to the Com. on Finance.

Rev C. A. Stowe from the Committee to superintend the erection of a Chapel at Bloomy Rock presented their report- which was received, approved & the committee continued- & is as follows:

Bloomy Rock Report & Chapel.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have put up a handsome building on a beautiful site donated to us by Mr W. M. Morris.

The house is well seated, comfortably heated, neatly lasted on the outside

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Has a bell sufficiently large to be heard 2 miles.

All we lack is brick pillars & an enclosure to make the job complete. All this we have provided for & hope to have it completed at an early day.

We herewith give a statement of the funds recind:

To Cash on hand	$40.00
" Note on Dr Beall	106.00
" " " Rev B. L. Beall	12.90
Blowing Rock Chapel report. Salisbury Church -	100.00
Lenoir Church	50.00
Concord Town Ch.	41.12
Hickory "	25.00
Winston "	15.75
Concert by young Ladies -	20.00
J. K. Rankin & Sister -	30.00
A. D. Davis for Presbytery	50.00
Collection at B. Rock	47.77
Through Miss E. L. Rankin	95.00
From various sources -	37.79
Total	679.83
Disbursed	677.93
Bal. on hand	1.44

Your committee take pleasure in calling attention to the following presents recind

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April 8th, Viz: A beautiful Bible by Miss Laizzie Rom
A beautiful Hymn Book by Ladies of Salisbury Ch.
Organ by Mrs Rumple.
Pulpit Lamps by Mrs & Miss Pegram.
Communion Service by Rev B. L. Beall
2 Pulpit Chairs by Mr Stewart.
Lumber for pulpit by Capt W. W. Lenoir
Hymn Books by Publication Com.
Building Site by Mr W. M. Morris.
Proprietors of B. R. Hotel & others did some gratuitous hauling.

All which we respectfully submit

Com { C. A. Mowrse, E. W. Fauntle.

Commissioners to Gen. Assembly. Rev W. A. Wood D.D. & Elder Dr R. L. Beall were chosen as principal Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly & Rev C. A. Mowrse & Elder J. A. Reid as their alternates.

Treasurer ordered. The Treasurer was directed to pay expenses of Rev W. A. Wood D.D. incurred in attending to presbyterial business in Charlotte, that this be paid from the Commissioners Fund.

H. M. Com. ordered. The Com. of Home Missions was directed to take into consideration the remaining debt on the

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April 9th Steady manse & devise ways & means of paying the same.

Presbytery then adjourned till 9½ tomorrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday Apr. 9th 1887.

9½ o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

The Committee on the minutes of Synod reported nothing requiring action. Report received & approved & the Committee discharged.

Treasurer's report approved.

The Com. of Finance reported the following which was approved:

Your Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer & find his reports correct, the disbursements sustained by vouchers & the balances properly stated.

Com. { H. C. Hamilton
J. K. Graham
H. T. Burkle

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April 9th Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer would respectfully report to Presbytery the following balances for the year ending March 31st 1887.

Commissioners Fund	$ 31.07
Education	53.81
For. Missions	7.00
Home Mission Fund	38.76
Publication	53.25
Tuskaloosa Dust.	28.69
Total	213.21

O. A. Davis Treas

H. M. Com. report.

The Com. of Home Missions made the following partial report which was rec'd and the 1st & 3d recommendations adopted & the 2nd postponed till the fall meeting viz:

Your Com. recommend the following grouping of the Churches: (1) Third Creek, Bethesda & Providence. 2. Amity, Franklin & Mocksville. 3. Bethany, Tabor & Fifth Creek.

H. B. Anderson Chm

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Rev R. P. Wynn presented the following report which was rec'd & adopted:

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April 9. The appointed on the complaint of
Rev P. P. Mimm against the churches of
P. P. Mimm Concord, Endell, Shiloh, New Salem
Complaint, Olio & Bethesda - recommend that
orders. Presbytery require these churches
to settle their indebtedness to Bro
Mimm before the next meeting of
Presbytery, & to report their action
in this matter at the Fall meeting
of this body & that their pastor &
Stated Supplies inform them
from the pulpit of this requirement

com { E. B. Stinson
P. W. Boyd &
J. R. B. Adams

The Com on Devotional Exercises made
a report which was rec'd & approved.

Presbytery then took recess
until after Divine Worship.

After recess - Presbytery met.

Sessional Records Report. The Committee on Sessional Records
made report which was received
amended & adopted & the exceptions
noted on the books to which they
were taken.

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April 9. The following was adopted: Resolved,
That a committee be appointed to
prepare a paper stating what the
Presbytery considers orderly in
the business of Church Sessions
& in keeping the Records thereof.
Rev Messrs J. Rumple, D.D. E. C.
Murray & A. W. White were appointed
as the committee contemplated in
the above.

Com on Devotional Records.

It was made the first order of the
day this afternoon to take up the
case of J. M. Gaunt candidate for licensure.

Presbytery then took recess for two
hours.

After recess - Presbytery met - & the
following Overture has adopted:

Overture to Gen. Assy. The Presbytery of Concord respectfully
overtures the Gen. Assembly to strike
out from the list of questions the Sessions
are required to answer in regard
to Sab. Schools - question No 3. viz:
"Does your pastor preach regularly
to the children of the Sabbath School"?

Presbytery then took up the
order of the viz: the examination of Mr
J. M. Gaunt with a view to his
licensure.

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Mr Gunder has been examined on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Sacraments & Church Government. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

Presbytery decided to hear the sermon & Lecture of Mr Gunder tonight.

The Com. of Home Missions presented the following report which was accepted & adopted:

1 — H. M. Com's report — Your Com. recommend the following grouping of Churches: 1 Third Creek Bethesda & Troutman's Depot. 2. Bethany: Tabor & Fifth Creek 3. Unity: Franklin & Mocksville.

2 — Your Com. Elected Rev R. F Loan-custer as Evangelist to be placed in charge of the Turkey Cove field. It he having declined to accept. Your Com. recommend that Mr J. M. Lafferty candidate be directed to labor in the Turkey Cove field, hoping the way may be open to make him an Evangelist.

3 — Your Com. report as information, the churches which responded to the last assessment made for the payment of the debt on the Norwood

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manse viz: Mocksville $25. Bethany $10 Taylorsville 2.00. Davidson College $5.00 Poplar Tent $4.00. Marion $5.00. Siloam 3.00 Concord Town, 20.00. Unity $5.00. Franklin $5.00.

H. M. Com. Report. 4 — We recommend that the Chairman of the Eastern Evangelistic field be instructed (1) To write to all those churches that have not responded to the 2nd call of assessment made for the Norwood mansion & remind them of their respective assessments.

Norwood mansion. (2) To write to all those churches in the Eastern Evangelistic field that have not paid the full amount of their assessment & urge the prompt payment of the same. That the deficit of $39.50. of Evangelist Rev R. B. Snow-wood's Salary may be paid.

Com. to organize ch. at Lovelady. 5, We recommend that Rev B. L. Beall. Dr R. L. Beall & J. G. Hall be appointed a Commission to organize a Church at Lovelady if the way be clear.

O. T. Beall Supply. 6. That Rev B. L. Beall be appointed to preach at Lovelady, Quaker Meadows, Glen Alpine Station & other points in Burke & Caldwell Co's.

7 — The following appropriations are recommended for west Church & Evangelistic fields:

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April 9th Taylorsville Group $180.00
Marion Group - $200.
Lovelady field - $50.+ as much more as the Committee may be able to pay.
Turkey Cove field $350.
Hardy field $40. (as guaranteed)

H.M. Com. Report & Supplies.

The following supplies are recommended - Dr J. Rumple to preach & administer the Sacraments at on the 3d Sabbath of April at Davidson College
Dr Wood to preach & administer the Sacraments at Fifth Creek at discretion. Rev C.A. Monroe alternate to Dr Wood. That every minister in Presbytery be directed to spend one month in Missionary work between this & the fall meeting, under the direction of the Home Mission Com.
That Rev C.A. Monroe continue to supply Glowing Rock Chapel once a month on same condition & the same authority - with which he appointed to the work at the fall meeting - through the months of April, May & June.
R.B. Anderson Chr
C.A. Monroe (Sec

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April 9th Presbytery took recess till 8 o'clock P.M. to meet in the Session House.
After recess. Presbytery met & heard the Lecture of Mr Smith on John 14:1-3. + also his sermon from John 3:16. which were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.
A committee consisting of Revs W.B. Arrowood, J.H. Wharey & C.A. Monroe was appointed to bring in a paper showing reasons of Presbytery in this case of licensure, as an extraordinary case provided for in our Form of Government.
The following Overture was presented:

Overture & answer.

Has a Session the right to elect a member of the Session who was not a member of the last regular meeting of Presbytery, as a delegate to a "pro re nata" meeting simply on the ground of convenience."
& the following answer returned:
It is the sense of this Presbytery that a delegate appointed by a Session to any stated meeting of Presbytery continues the delegate to any adjourned or "pro re nata" meeting of the Presbytery - unless for sufficient reason another shall be appointed.

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April 11th Presbytery adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 8½ o'clock
Closed with prayer.

Monday morning
April 11th 1887.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer - The minutes were read & approved.

The committee to prepare a narrative to the Genl. Assembly reported a narrative, which was rec'd, adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly.

The Agent of Foreign Missions made his report which was rec'd & adopted as follows:

Agt. For. Missions Report.

Dear A.S.T. would report to Concord Presbytery - that a review of the whole Mission work of our church for the year presents cause for encouragement & thanks-giving -

1st In that the door of access to the heathen lands is every where opening more & more invitingly. The Macedonian cry is heard on all hands. 2nd Larger results from the work of our Missionaries

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April 11th have been secured, their labors being blessed to the conversion of many candidates for the work continue to present themselves.

On the other hand there is cause for humiliation & fear, because the contributions of our people are much below the demands of the hour - the work being already burdened by a debt.

A review of the work of our Presbytery in regard to missions also presents cause for encouragement in that our Co-presbyter Dr Jno. McInnis & family have been permitted to return in safety & health to their post in the foreign field & that God has sent forth from our bounds another laborer - Miss Lillie Tidball.

Agt. For. Missions Report.

Also in that our churches exhibit a commendable interest in the work by contributions to the cause being made in every church reporting contributions to any cause.

There too are kind cause for humiliation, in that the sum of the contributions is far below that of last year.

True it may be that this is owing in part to the stringency of the times, but still it is desirable that our liberality com-

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April 11 in our poverty should keep pace with the demands of the work.

The whole amount contributed this year is $1923 against $2269 - The greatest reductions are found in the contributions of Bethesda, 5th Creek, 3d Creek, Norwood, Back Creek, Thyatira, Lenoir, Franklin, Unity Rocky River, Davidson College, & Prospect.

A few Churches show an increase in the amts contributed, the greatest being in the Churches of Salisbury, Hickory & Bethphage.

For Missions Report

Your Agt is not prepared to recommend an assessment of the Churches as requested by the Secretary of Mission

In view, however, of opportunity before us & the responsibility upon us, we would recommend that Presbytery set apart the 1st Sabbath of May, not only for preaching by all our ministers on the subject of missions, but also as a day of thanksgiving for blessings received & humiliation with supplication for a fuller consecration of our substance & the use of our Saviour who gave his life for his people.

Day of thanksgiving.

R. W. Boyd Agt.

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April 11th The Judicial Com. reported no business on hand - the report was accepted & Committee discharged.

The Committee to prepare a minute touching the Licensure of Mr Gamble presented their report - which was adopted & Presbytery proceeded to license him as follows:

J. M. Gamble Licensed.

Whereas Mr John Mitchel Gamble had some 17 years ago gone through the Sophmore class at Davidson College & was prevented from finishing his course then by failing health & weak eyes: & whereas he has ever since felt a deep sense of duty pressing on him to preach the gospel, which sense of duty has so grown that of late he has felt "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel"

And whereas owing to his age, weak Eyes, a family to support & the want of means, it was impracticable for him either to resume his studies at College or to take a Theological course at Seminary:

And whereas, having studied Theology, Church History, Church Government & the Sacraments - under the direction of the Rev. E. Cullumay & has stood

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April 11th a satisfactory examination on the same, & has also delivered a popular Lecture & a sermon before Presbytery with which Presbytery was not only satisfied, but highly pleased as evidencing a great familiarity with the Scriptures & aptness to teach;

J. M. Smith's Licensure. Therefore this Presbytery considers these circumstances as fully justifying them in licensing him as a probationer for the gospel ministry, without requiring the other parts of trial not mentioned above;

And he having adopted the Confession of Faith & the Catechisms of this Church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, & hereby does, license him the said John Mitchel Smith to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called,

The Com. on Systematic Benevolence presented a report which was received, adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

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April 11th Rev. D. E. Beall, C. M. Tidball & Elder A. C. McIntosh were appointed a commission to install Rev. A. Walker White at Taylorsville, at a time most convenient to the Commission - Rev. D. E. Beall to preside, & preach the sermon charge the pastor & Rev C. M. Tidball to charge the people.

Rev W. B. Arrowood was directed to spend a month of missionary labor in Watauga Co.

Rev J. M. Wharey tendered his resignation on the Eastern Exam. Committee which was accepted & Rev C. M. Payne was appointed Chairman of said Com. in his stead;

C. M. Payne made Chr. of the Eastern Ex. Com.

The Com. on Bills & Overtures reported no business in their hands; the report was approved & Com. discharged.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the citizens of Salisbury for kindness & to the pastors of other Churches for the use of their churches.

Vote of thanks.

The Special Com. on Colportage reported they were not ready to make final report & asked to be continued until the adjourned meeting in Statesville. Report rec'd & the Committee continued.

Colportage Com. report.

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April 11th Licentiate J.C. Grundler was directed to labor under the direction of the Com. of Home Missions.

The Agt. of Sabbath Schools presented a report which was recd & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

The following resolution was offered by the Agt. of Sabbath Schools & adopted: Resolved-

Agt. Sab. Schools Report

That it is the sense of this Presbytery that Sessions of Churches in making out the average attendance on Sabb. School are not required to apply the science of mathematics with such severe exactness as to divide the teachers & children of our Sabb. Schools into fractional parts.

Standing Rule

Standing Rule touching Narratives from the Churches

It was made a Standing Rule that narratives from the Churches be referred to a committee on the Narratives; & that this Com. examine them in private, & endorse on them their criticisms; that then these narratives & criticisms be read in open Session, & the narratives be then returned to the churches & the criticisms be read to the

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April 11th Churches.

Corresponding members

During the Sessions of this Presbytery Rev Messrs A.L. Crawford & E.W. Smith of Orange Presbytery & Rev W.S. Lacy of Fayetteville Presbytery were invited to sit as corresponding members: And

Visiting brethren.

Rev Messrs C.B. King of the Evangl Lutheran Church, Rev Tuttle of the Baptist Church & Rev Boyd of the M.E. Church were invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Ruling Elders- E.P. Pennick of Bethesda, John D. Reid of Centre. J.J. Dupuy of Davidson College & E.C. Davis of Rocky River Church appeared & were enrolled.

Elders enrolled.

Leave of absence was granted to the following ministers: Rev Messrs B.L. Liall, & W. White, R.S. Axtwood. And to the following Ruling Elders: Dr J.R.L. Adams, D.C. Hamilton. Dr J.J. Dupuy. M.H. Caldwell. D.W. Lowrance. E.C. Davis L.F. Simpson. R.R. Dill. W.L. Steele. D.B. Gaither. J.H. Reid. Wilson Trott. E.P. Pennick. C.M.B. Goodnight. J. Lentz. J. Douglass. Dr R.L. Liall. A. Sloan. D.T. Burke. E.H. Perkins. & C.W. Smith.

Leave of absence granted.

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April 11th Presbytery chose to hold their next
Stated meeting in Newton & to
Place & Time meet on Thursday the 15th of Sept.
of next meeting next at 7½ o.clock P.M.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet
in Statesville June 7th 1887 at 8½
o.clock P.M.

Closed with singing, prayer,
& the apostolic benediction.

William W. Pharr,
Stated Clerk,

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April. Appendix:

Presbyterial Report on
Systematic Beneficence:

Report of the Presbytery of Concord to the Genl. Assembly, for the year ending April 1887,

Objects	No. of Churches contributing.	Amounts
Sustentation	33	$405.00
Evangelistic	34	903.00
Invalid Fund	31	117.00
Foreign Missions	35	1923.00
Education	27	1209.00
Publication	27	90.00
Tuskaloosa Inst.	22	78.00
	Total	$4725.00

Remarks: 16 Churches contributed to all the 7 objects ordered by the Genl Assembly; 12 have contributed $5; 2 have contributed to five; 2 have contributed to two; 3 have contributed to one

This Presbytery requires the churches to give reasons for failure to make contributions.

Wm W Pharr S.C.

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No. 2.
Sabbath School Report.

Concord Presbytery reports 44
Sabbath Schools.
Whole number of Teachers on the roll 307;
Scholars 2727; Average attendance of
of Teachers 229; of Scholars 1622;
Scholars admitted to communion 150;
Amount of money contributed for their
own expenses $350.80.
For other purposes $481.21;
32 Schools are under the control of the
Session; 26 are attended by both pastor
& Elders. In 21 Schools the Catechisms
are taught; in 9 both the Catechisms
& Confession of Faith; In 5 the Bible
& standards of our church only are used;
In 18 the lesson papers are also used,
In 6 other books also. such as Henry &
Scott are used. In 3 there has been
special religious interest.
In 2 collections have been made for
the 7 objects. In 32 the Scholars usually
attend the preaching of the word.

Wm. W. Phair S.S.

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April Presbyterial report of Concord P.nos.

The Pres.bytery of Concord reports to the Gen.l Assembly that it comprises 22 Ministers & 44 Churches, has under its care 2 Licentiates & six candidates; viz:-

Ministers Licentiates & Candidates	Post Offices	Churches.	Elders	Vacancies & Additional Ministerial Services	Certificates Members	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Sabbath School Scholars	Teachers & Officers	Contributions for Missions	Education	Publication	Sustentation	Pastor's Salary	Congregational	Miscellaneous
E. F. Rockwell M.D.	Lenoir Cool Spring.															
B. L. Beall Ev.	Lenoir N.C.															
W. A. Wood M.D. P.	Statesville "	Statesville "	8	7	2	6	252	2	4	121	21	160	17	40	5-	405.20	5-	25	1000	159	74
J. Rumple M.D. P.	Salisbury "	Salisbury "	6	7	6	7	207	1	4	90	23	182	21	154	5-	245.40	6	1	30	1300	2125	52
W.H. Khan P	Mooresville "	Centre "	7	5-	15-		129		6	105-	10	90	13	10	6	85.11	4	6	12	350	118	
" "	"	Prospect "	6	8	9		220		11	250	10	100	7	4	4	143.5	1	2	2	294	30	
R. B. Anderson M.D. "	Morganton "	Morganton "	3	1	3	4	133	1	4	85-	9	51	56	78	17	69	31	14	8	10	920	485	103,
" "		Newton "	3	3	9	6	59	3	10	24	8	63		16	3	9	5	3	31		200		
W. B. Tidball S.	Grunsboro "																					
J. McKinnon M.D.	Mrs. D. College "	Davidson College	7	2	16	7	109		1	53	15-	125	15-	25-	7	135.10		5-		529	108	
J. M. Whorey P.	Mooresville "	Mooresville P.	4	5-	3	17	195-				20	200	24	24	5	194.50	5		31	266	17	2
L. K. Glasgow	Teacher, D. College.																					
J. W. Davis M.D. F.M.	Lookout China.																					
R. W. Boyd P.	Woodleaf N.C.	Liberty P	6	4	13	1	142		8	60	6	60	10	9	3	78.6	3		12	290	6	
" " " "	" "	Franklin "	5-	6		2	123		13	185	7	38	10	7	4	33	4	1	6	219	15-	
C. M. Payne "	Concord "	Concord Town	8	7	31	10	235-	1	7	158	26	204	111	225	5-	115.70	5-	3	30	1450	659	29
C. A. Munroe "	Lenoir "	Lenoir P.	2	3	8	3	61		4	22	8	66	29	35-	3	37.4			10	1400	997	50
" "	Hickory "	Hickory "	5-	4	8	9	66		4	44	12	79	28	35-	1	49.1	5-	1	31	1400	216	
J. A. Ramsay "	Mill Bridge "	Tyatina "	6	6	11	3	182	1	12	135	10	116	3	21	4	66	4	8	1		388	25-	J.
" "	" "	Back Bone	3	3-	2	2	82		7	71	6-	55-	4	12	5-	32	2	12	1		305	10	
W. R. McClelland	Statesville "	Bethesda	6	5-	3	6	98		3	116	5-	45-	5-			4					110		

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Ministers Secretaries & Candidates	Po. Offices	Churches	Elders	Members Added on Examination	Members Added on Certificate
W. R. McFadland S.	Statesville N.	Bethany S.	5	1	9	2
" "	" "	Mountain "	2	1	1	
" "	" "	Tabor "	3			
J. L. Williamson "	Concord "	Poplar Tents "	6	6	4	5
W. D. Arrowood Ev.	Norwood "	Norwood Ch.	2		2	1
" "	" "	Grants "	2	1	1	
" "	" "	Bethany "			2	
" "	" "	Forest "			4	1
" "	" "	Mizpah "	1	1	3	
A. Walker White P.E.	Taylorsville "	Taylorsville P.	4	3	2	
" "	"	Wilkesboro "	1			
" "	"	New Salem "	2	3		
E. L. Murray P.	Marion "	Marion P.	2	2	9	9
" "	"	Lebanon "	2	4	6	
" "	"	Old Fort "	2	2	13	
R. A. Arrowood P.	Mill Hill "	Bethphage P.	7	6	15	1
C. M. Tidball "	Fancy Hill "	Concord Cudds	6	5	6	4
" "	" "	Shiloh "	2	2	2	1
" "	" "	Elon "	1	2	5	
	Mt. Vernon "	Third Creek P.	6	6		1
	Cool Spring "	Fifth Creek "	5	2	6	2
	Harrisburg "	Rocky River "	10	7	13	3
	Concord "	Zion "	3	1	5	
	Cooksville "	Cooksville "	1		1	1
	Mountville "	Mountville "			11	
	Turkey Cove "	Turkey Cove "	1	1		
	A. College "	Bethel "	5	2		
	Taylorsville "	Salem "	1			
	Mt. Mourne "					
	Turkey Cove "					
Licentiates 2.						
J. E. Tizzard						
J. McGready						
Total 22			44	164	183	265	119

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Synod — Assembly — continued.

Which No.	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Baptized Non-Comm.	Deaths in the Church	Sabbath Schools in the Church	Sabbath Scholars in the Church	Communicants	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Families	Education	Publication	Publication Debt	Ministerial Debt	Ministers Salary Paid	Congregational Purposes	Miscellaneous
8	3	6		8	40		2		14				2	144		2
23			10	4	24								1	19		
18				3	12											
138		19		7	50	6	5	2	61	6	1			533	35	4
22		1	18	4	46	7	3	4	8	5	2	3	2	195	44	50
38	2	6	36	2	60	3	2	2	3	1	1			13		
10	1					3	3	1	4	1	1			18		
9	1					4	2	3	4	2	1			19		
8	1	1	1			5	3	4	6	2	2	2		31		
80	1	1	30	8	50	4	8	1	7	5	1	1	8	57	18	
10		1	16			2	9	3	3	2	2			125	6	
43		4	40												50	
65	1	6	52	4	50	6	18	2	22	6	3	1	4	160	185	
61	1	4	35	11	95	1	9	1	1	1	1		3	145	29	
30			16	4	36	2	9	1	6	3	2	2		53	40	
170	2	18	150	11	125	3	20	4	46		3	1		467	506	
180		4		9	87	1	55		22				6		10	
36						1	3		1			1				
31			15			1	2							103		
180		8		12	55	1			17			1		490	2	
144	1	3	46	7	56	1		1	42			1	2	300	20	2
275	2	22	200	11	149		81		22					619	218	
56		2	40	5	38				3					58	2	
	1	2	18	4	21				4					217	11	13
25	1	2	6	3	20		19		31						300	
7							5	11								
66																
6																
4085	27	208	2472	313	2640	405	903	117	1923	209	80	78	224	11894	6621	3794

Licensures 1. Ordinations 2; Installations 2. Pastoral relations dis-solved 2; Chs. organized 1; Mgr. Phan & Le

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June 7th

Statesville N.C.
Adjourned meeting.
Statesville N.C,
Concord Presbytery met in Statesville June 7th 1887 at 8.0'clock P.M. & was called to order by Rev W.R. McLelland - last Mod. present & was opened with prayer by Rev E.F. Rockwell D.D.
Present - Ministers: E.F. Rockwell D.D. J. Rumple D.D. M.A. Wood D.D. C.A. Mowat W.R. McLelland. E.C. Murray. J.A. Ramsay A.W. White & C.M. Tidball.
Elders: Thomas McConnell - Back Creek.
" R.A. Knox - Salisbury.
" E.B. Stimson - Statesville
" D.T. Burke - Taylorsville
" W.B. Gibson - Bethany
" W.G. Steele - Third Creek.
Rev J.A. Ramsay was chosen temporay Clerk.
Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Candidate R.W. Culbertson with a view to licensure. He was examined on his literary course & on Theology.
It was made the order for tomorrow 10½ o'clock A.M. to hear his trial sermon.
Leave of absence was granted Rev J. Rumple D.D.
Presbytery then adjourned till

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June 8th 9.0'clock A.M.
Statesville N.C.
Closed with prayer.
June 8th 1887.
Presbytery met & was opened with prayer - The minutes were read & approved.
A call from the Summerville Church S.C. for the pastoral services of Rev E.C. Murray for the whole of his time promising a salary of $900 per annum. was read: Also a telegram from Rev J.R. Dow Stated Clerk of Charleston Presbytery - Stating that said church had authority to prosecute the call before this Presbytery.
E.C. Murray called
The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery heard the trial sermon of Rev Culbertson - from John 10:15: last clause. which was sustained as satisfactory.
Elder D.T. Burke was appointed to examine his Latin Thesis & Rev E.F. Rockwell D.D. & Rev E.C. Murray to examine his Critical Exercise.
Presbytery then resumed the consideration of the call for Rev E.C. Murray, & after much discussion. the call was ordered to be put in his hands for his consideration.
E.C.M. called.
Presbytery then took recess until 2½ o'clock P.M.

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June 8 After recess-

Presbytery met- The committee to examine the Critical Exercise of Mr Culbertson reported recommending the same as a satisfactory part of trial- the report was rec'd & adopted.

A. W. White called to Wilkesboro. A call from Wilkesboro church for the pastoral services of Rev A. Walker White for one fourth of his time & the 5th Sabbaths- promising $185 dollars in quarterly payments was read & placed in his hands for his consideration- which he accepted- Whereupon Rev G. Rumple M.D. was appointed to install him pastor of said church at discretion.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev A. W. White & elder W. G. Steele.

H. M. Com. Report. The Home Mission Committee recommended that Presbytery instruct the Session of Third Creek church to

3d Com. & ch. instructed. hold a Congregational meeting & invite some minister to supply them with preaching until the next regular meeting, which was adopted

The same Committee further reported recommending the following Home Mission supplies; viz:

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June 8th Watauga & Ashe- Revs W.B. Arnwood & C.A. Monroe during the month of July.

Supplies. Rev G. Rumple M.D. & C.K. Payne- August.

Rev G.C.M. Fiddball & W.S. Arnwood- Sept.

Mitchel Co- (& Sept Spruce Pines)

Special reference to Cranburg- Revs J.A. Ramsay & Wm M. Hannah- July.

Rev W.A. Wood D.D & W.B. Anderson D.D. August,

McDowell field Rev W.M. McClelland July. Rev J.M. Wharey August. & Rev R.H. Boyd Sept.

Alleghany Rev A.W. White at discretion.

Licentiate J.M. Rumple to preach at Turkey Cove & Spruce Pines & in Yancy Co. at discretion till next regular meeting- with whatever compensation the Home Mission Com. may be able to make.

McDowell Pres. & Drusilla. They recommended further that McDowell Presbytery be allowed to supply, temporarily, Drusilla Church. & that the offer of a Lady in N.Y. to contribute $50 dollars for a month of Evangelistic labor at Cranburg be accepted.

This report was accepted & adopted.

C.C. Murray accepts call. Rev C.C. Murray signified his acceptance of the call placed in his hand from the Summerville Church

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June 8th — Pastoral relation dissolved. — Rev E. C. Murray

The Presbytery being advised that the Churches of Marion, Old Fort & Siloam would & did consent to the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between them & Rev E. C. Murray - the Presbytery did & hereby does dissolve said relation to take effect June 30th 1887 - & Mr Murray was instructed to preach at said Churches & declare them vacant.

Ordained & installed Officers in Mt Ariella Church. Report.

The committee appointed to ordain & install officers in the Mt Ariella Church reported that they held an election at said Church on the 5th Sabbath of May - & that Thomas. G. Morrison & Jas. T. Hundley were chosen as ruling Elders & Robt. P. Howard & W. L. Kirkpatrick were elected to the Office of Deacon: that these were all ordained to the Offices to which they had been chosen respectively & installed, & except Mr Morrison who had already been ordained - he also was installed. This report was rec'd & approved.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev E. F. Rockwell M.D. & elder R. A. Knox & Rev C. M. Tidball.

Presbytery heard the Lectures of Mr Culbertson from Psl I.

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June 8th — Col. Com. Report.

The Com. appointed to examine the Latin Thesis of Mr Culbertson reported recommending the same as satisfactory part of trial - adopted.

Presbytery resumed the examination of Mr Culbertson - when he was examined on Moral Philosophy - Natural & Exact Sciences. Ecclesiastical History - the Sacraments & Church Government. The examination & all parts of trial as a whole & in all parts was sustained as satisfactory - Whereupon it was ordered that Presbytery will proceed to license Mr Culbertson to night after divine worship.

Colportage Com. Report.

The Com. of Colportage reported recommending that Presbytery suspend, for the present, the work of Colportage; & that the Com. be instructed to dispose of the Stock of books on hand & the horse & vehicle at the best advantage. This report was accepted & adopted.

Presbytery then took a recess until after divine worship to night.

After recess - Presbytery met & proceded to the licensure of Mr Culbertson, according to the requirements of our Form of Government viz:

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June 8th At Statesville the 8th day of June 1887. the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favor of Richard Watt Culbertson, of his having gone through a regular course of literature, of his good moral character, & of his being in the communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure

License of R.W. Culbertson

And he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, & as to his proficiency & diligence & other studies, the Presbytery did & hereby does, express its approbation of all these parts of trial.

And he having adopted the Confession of Faith & the Catechisms of this Church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did & hereby does, license him, the said Richard Watt Culbertson, to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Permission was granted Mr Culbertson to labor out side the bounds

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June 8 of this Presbytery until the next regular meeting.

The Stated Clerk was directed to furnish Mr Culbertson a certificate of his Licensure.

A letter of dismission was granted Rev E.C. Murray from this Presbytery to Charleston Presbytery S.C. & the Stated Clerk directed to furnish him said certificate.

E.C. Murray dismissed to Charleston Pres. S.C.

The minutes were read & approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Davidson College during Commencement, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with Prayer.

William M. Phamdle

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June 15th

Davidson College N.C.
Adjourned meeting

Concord Presbytery met at Davidson College June 15th at the call of the Moderator Rev Wm H. Sharp & was opened with prayer.

Present ministers: J. Rumple D.D.
Wm H. Sharp, J.M.L. Wharey, C.M. Payne
R.B. Anderson D.D. N.B. Arnwood &
R.S. Arnwood.

Elders J.R.B. Adams & J.H. Hill.

McAllister called by N. River Ch.

A call from Rocky River Church for the pastoral services of Rev McAlister of Harmony Presbytery S.C. promising him a Salary of
was read, & being found in order, said Church was granted permission to prosecute the call before Harmony Presbytery, and Col. J.C. Barnhardt ruling elder from said Church was appointed a commissioner to prosecute the call.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Newton on the 15th day of Sept next at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Closed with prayer

Wm H. Sharp S.C.

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Sept. 15th Concord Presbytery met according to adjournment in the presbyterian Church. Newton Sept. 15th 1887. & was opened with a sermon by Rev Wm. P. Chan from 1 John. III. 11. & constituted with prayer.

Rolls was called & the following were present:

Ministers.	Churches.	Elders
E. F. Rockwell M.D.	Back Creek	T. McConnell
B. G. Beall	Bethesda	J. W. Lentz.
W. A. Wood M.D.	Bethpage	W. D. Gillan
J. Rumple M.D.	Centre	D. F. Young
Wm. P. Chan	Concord Ch,	R. N. Gibson
R. B. Anderson M.D.	D. College	J. S. Coffey
R. W. Boyd	Hickory	P. C. Hall.
C. A. Albuse	Mooresville	A. Teague
J. A. Ramsay	Morganton	R. R. Presnell
W. R. McClelland	Newton	D. B. Gaither
J. G. Williamson	Norwood	M. G. Barnhardt
W. B. Arrowood	New Salem	J. S. Coldpetter
A. Walker White	Poplar Tent.	J. J. Lentz.
R. S. Arrowood	Salisbury	R. A. Knox.
	Shiloh	Mr. Clark
	Statesville	W. F. Hall
	Taylorsville	A. A. Hall
	Third Creek	J. M. Carson
	Thyatira	A. F. Goodman
	Trinity	M. Hollowell.

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Sept. 15. Rev B. G. Beall was chosen Moderator & Rev J. A. Ramsay & Elder P. C. Hall temporary Clerks.

Corresponding members. During the sessions of Presbytery the following being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members: Rev Messrs. E. P. Davis & J. G. McSean of Mecklenburg Presbytery - J. B. Mack M.D. of Charleston Presbytery. I. A. Craig M.D. North Miss. Presbytery & J. G. Allison of Presbytery of Louisiana.

Visiting brethren. And the following as visiting brethren: Rev Messrs. Forl & Der Clapp of the German Reformed Church. & Rev Mr Gentry of the M. E. Church South.

Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Sept. 16th Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Rolls was called & the minutes of last evening read & approved.

The Minutes of the last Stated meeting & of adjourned meetings were read & approved.

Reports of supplies. Reports of supplies were heard, when it appeared that these appointments had generally been fulfilled & in cases of failure, the reasons therefor

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Sept. 16. were sustained as satisfactory.
J.B. Mack's report. Licentiate J.C. Kennedy, by letter, gave an account of his labors since the last meeting which was approved.
A communication from Amsilla Ch. was read & referred to the Com. on Home Missions.
J.K.S. excused. Letter from Rev J.K. Glasgow giving excuse for absence from the present & also from some of the past meetings of this body was read & his reasons sustained as satisfactory.
A communication from the Stated Clerk of Lexington Presbytery, Va. was read & referred to the Home Mission Com.
It was ordered that Rev J.B. Mack D.D. be heard in the interests of Davidson College at 11. o'clock a.m. and that Rev J.N. Craig D.D. be heard tomorrow at 10. o'clock a.m. in the interests of Home Missions.
Glen Alpine request. A request from citizens of Glen Alpine for the organization of a Church at that place, also a paper offering a lot of land for building a Church were read & referred to a committee consisting of

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Sept. 16. Revs R.B. Anderson D.D. C.A. Monroe & Elder R.R. Bissell, for consideration & report.
D.C. annual report. The annual Report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read & referred to the Committee on Davidson College.
3d Creek. Chapel. A request from citizens of 3d Creek & others for permission to build a chapel at Cleveland was read & referred to a committee consisting of Rev R.N. Boyd & Elders J.H. Carson & W.F. Hall.
A call from D. College & Bethel for Rev. Webb. A call from the Church of Davidson College for the pastoral services of Rev R.A. Webb of Bethel Presbytery N.C. for the whole of his time except morning services of two Sabbs each month & promising a salary of $750. dollars in quarterly payments; also a call for the same from Bethel Church for two Sabbaths each month & promising a salary of $250. dollars was read & being found in order said Churches were authorized to prosecute these calls before Bethel Pres. N.C.
Dr J.B. Mack & Apts. D.C. The order of the day having arrived, Rev J.B. Mack D.D. & Apts of Davidson College was heard in the interests of that Institution

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Sept. 16. The Moderator announced the following Committees:

On Narrative to Synod—
Rev W. B. Arrowood & Elder R. F. Russell

" Minutes of Gen'l. Assembly:
Rev W. A. Wood D.D. & elder R. W. Gibson.

Comm. by Mod. " Finance:
Rev C. A. Monnor & Elder P. C. Hall.

Judicial Com.:
Rev Wm M. Phan & Elder A. Leazar

Bills & Overtures:
Rev J. Rumple D.D. & Elder R. A. Knox.

" On Davidson College:
Rev Messrs—J. Rumple D.D. R. N. Boyd J. S. Williamson; A. W. White & Elders—J. S. Lafferty, M. L. Barnhardt & A. A. Hill.

Presbytery then receded from business until 2½ o'clock P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met—Rev C. M. Payne appeared—gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness & was enrolled.

Payne appears. Elders appear. Ruling elders A. N. McKinnon of Concord & Wm J. M. Wilson

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Sept. 16 of Bethel church—appeared & were enrolled.

Tabor Officers installed. The Committee to install officers in Tabor Church—reported the duty performed.

Lovelady report. The Committee to organize a church at Lovelady reported, the way not clear as yet—the report was received & the com. continued.

A. W. White installed. The Committee to install Rev A. W. White at Taylorsville—reported that the installation took place on the 7th day of May 1887.

The Com. to install the same over the Wilksboro church. reported the duty not performed. the excuses sustained & Rev J. Rumple D.D. & Rev B. L. Bell were directed to install him there as soon as practicable.

Col portage com. report. The Committee of Colportage made a report—which was received, approved & approved—together with their book, to the Com. of Finance.

A communication from Tennessee Depot was read & referred to the Committee of Home Missions.

3d Creek report. The ruling elder from Third Creek Church reported that they obeyed the order of Pres.—held a congregational meeting, but failed to get a supply.

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Sept. 16. — The Churches of Concord (Indell), Ebe'r, Shiloh, Bethesda & New Salem - in answer to the enquiry - reported that they had not as yet settled arrearages due Rev. P. D. Winn - Whereupon, a

Winn, P.D. Com. to collect arrearages. — Commission consisting of Ruling Elders J. D. Hill - A. Leazar & W. F. Hall was appointed to consider & settle the arrearages due from said Churches to Rev P. D. Winn & report to this body as soon as practicable.

J. Rumple reports Rules for Sessions. — Rev J. Rumple D.D. from the com. on Rules for Keeping Sessional Records - reported a number of Rules, which were taken up seriatim amended & adopted, and the Stated Clerk ordered to have as many copies of these Rules printed as may be necessary to supply each Church Session.

Elder appears — Ruling Elder Ser J. R. B. Adams of Fifth Creek appeared & was enrolled

Com. on Devotional Exercises reported preaching to night at 7½ o'clock.

The usefulness & interests of the N. C. Presbyterian were discussed & the following adopted:

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Sept. 16. — Resolved - That this Presbytery recommend to every Session in its bounds to make

N.C.P. — special efforts to extend the circulation of the N.C. Presbyterian.

Presbytery then adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Sept 17. — 9 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Roll called & Minutes of yesterday read & approved.

J. W. Lafferty examined — Candidate John W. Lafferty having presented himself for examination with a view to licensure - It was ordered that the Standing Committees examine him in private on his literary course, & that the committees on Languages & Science be combined, & that Elders A. Leazar & Dr. J. S. Lafferty be added to the com. on these branches.

3 & 5 Church employ T. J. Allison. — Permission was granted Third Creek & Fifth Creek Churches to employ Rev T. J. Allison of Orange Presbytery, as Stated Supply until next regular meeting.

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Sept. 17. Cleveland Chapel. The Committee on the request of Citizens of Cleveland reported, recommending that they have permission to build a Chapel for worship at that place, adopted,

Presbytery took up the order of the day & heard Dr J. A. Craig Sec. of Home Missions in behalf of that cause.

Glen Alpine to organize a ch. The Committee on the request of Citizens of Glen Alpine reported recommending that the request to organize a church at that place be granted. Adopted,

N. W. Cul- permission. Permission was granted Licentiate N. W. Culbertson to labor out side our bounds until the Spring meeting.

Finance com. report, The Finance Committee reported that they had examined the Book & report of the Colportage Com. & found them correct & recommended their approval. Rec'd & adopted.

on Colportage This report shows that the work of Colportage is suspended; that the Committee according to the direction of Presbytery sold the Horse & outfit; that Mr Morrison former Colporteur, purchased the same for the sum of $60 dollars paying Cash $25;

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Sept 17. & giving note for $35; That there is now in the hands of the Chairman of the Colportage Committee Dross to the amt. of $14.81

Colportage report. Cash — $101.06
Note — 35.00
Total 150.87

There are also about $50. more or less in the hands of the Treasurer of Pres. subject to the order of the Committee.

Blowing Rock, organized. Rev C. A. Monroe appointed thereto reported that he had organized a Church at Blowing Rock on the 17th day of July 1887. of 8 members viz;

Mrs Rosa Watkins — by Letter.
Mrs Mary Ann Patterson " Examination
Miss Sarah Walser " "
Mr Spurgeon " "
Mrs Martha " by Letter
Samuel J " " Examination
Miss Mary " " Letter — Baptist
Mr Arthur Parks. " "

C. A. Monroe.

This report was received & approved & the name of the Church Blowing Rock ordered to be put on the roll of Church.

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Sab. School convention report.

The Sunday School Convention called by direction of Presbytery reported, that they met on the evening of the 14th; that the meeting was an interesting one, and that a number of interesting topics were discussed - such as:

1 The Origin & purpose of the Sab. School,
2 The relation of the Sab. School to the family & the Church,
3 Difficulties in Sab. School work,
4 Some of the practical & good results of well conducted Sabbath Schools.

This report was received as information.

C. A. Mourse resigned & A. W. White elected.

Rev C. A. Mourse tendered his resignation as A. S. of Sabb. Schools & which was accepted & Rev A. Walker White was appointed to fill his place.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved -

J. S. Craig salutations.

That Presbytery has heard with great pleasure & profit - the interesting address of Rev J. S. Craig D. D. Sec. of Home Mission and in the furtherance of the cause he represents; insists that the special collection ordered, be raised in all our churches during the months of February in each year.

Recess was taken till 2½ o'clock P. M.

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After recess.

Presbytery met & heard reports of Sessions on the State of religion in our bounds.

Sermon. J. W. Lafferty.

It was ordered that the trial sermon of Mr Lafferty be heard to night at the usual hour for public worship.

The Committee on Devotional exercises made a report which was received & approved.

The Stated Clerk presented the annual Statistical report - which was received, approved & ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

The com. to examine Mr Lafferty on his literary course reported - recommending the approval of the same as satisfactory. adopted.

The Committee on Davidson College presented a report which was received, & made the first order for tomorrow morning for consideration.

Education Report.

Education Report -

The committee of Education presented the following report - which was received, & the recommendations appended thereto adopted;

Your Committee would report that during the year, they have had under their (care) 6 Candidates viz: Jos. W. Lafferty

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Sept. 17. R. W. Culbertson. Columbus Maxwell, J. A. Harris. E. Floyd. Alexander & Eugene Winecoff.

Mr Lafferty has completed his course at Princeton with credit to himself, & is now present for Licensure.

Education Report. Mr Culbertson finished a two years course at N. T. Seminary & was licensed at the late called meeting of Presbytery & now, by permission, is laboring out side our bounds.

Mr Maxwell has just entered N. T. Seminary.

Mr Harris is in the Senior class at N. College, & his standing has been good.

Mr Alexander is in the Junior class at Davidson College, & his standing is good.

Mr Winecoff has entered upon his second year at N. College - & he has not advanced as we could expect, or have desired - & gives as the cause of his failure his diseased eyes.

During the past year the following appropriations have been made viz: To Mr Culbertson $50.
" J. A. Harris $100
" E. F. Alexander $100.
Total $ 250.

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Sept. 17. Messrs Lafferty, Maxwell & Winecoff have asked & recieved no pecuniary aid.

Your Committee would recommend

1. ST That for the present scholastic year the following appropriations be made viz; To Mr Maxwell $100.
" J. A. Harris $100. &
E. F. Alexander $100.

(2) That Mr Winecoff be permitted to take such an Eclectic course as your Committee may find to be best for him.

Com. { C. M. Payne, Wm W. Pharr, Rev W. J. Martin

Recess was taken until 7½ o'clock P.M.

After recess.

J. W. Lafferty trial Sermon. Presbytery met & heard the trial Sermon of Candidate John W. Lafferty from Rom, 6:22.

Elder appears. Wilson Trott - elder from Franklin appeared & was enrolled.

Publication report -

Publication report. Your Asst of Publication would present the following report:

During the year ending April 1887. Twenty four (24) of our churches have contributed $90. dollars to this cause.

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This is less than the contributions to this cause last year by $24. dollars.

It will be seen from this report that 20 of our churches contributed nothing during the past year to this cause.

The non-contributing churches are: Statesville, Davidson College, Lenoir, Bthesda, Bethany, Frontman's, Tabor, New Salem, Concord, Indell, Shiloh, Elis, Third Creek, Fifth Creek, Rocky river, Zion, Mocksville, Jerusilla, Turkey Cove, Bethel & Salem.

The number of non-contributing chs, is greater by 4, than in the previous year.

By comparing the two years further, it will be seen that some of these churches are represented as contributing nothing in either year; e.g. Statesville & Davidson College & perhaps others.

Seven (7) of the contributing churches in 1887, gave only the sum of $1. or each. Morganton & Back Creek contributed the largest amts to this cause during the year; the former $14.00 & the latter $12.00.

In view of the fact that Presbytery has suspended the Colportage work; Your Asst would recommend

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that so much of the funds on hand belonging to this cause, as may be necessary, be employed in the further transcribing & binding of the Presbyterial Records.

J. A. Ramsay Asst

This report was rec'd approved & the recommendation adopted.

It was ordered that Rev J. A. Ramsay be paid $30. each for transcribing Vols VII & VIII of Presbyterial Records.

J. A. R. for transcription paid $60.

Licentiate J. L. Gamble made a verbal report of his labors; which was approved.

Rev W. A. Wood D. D. Commissioner to the last Gen. Assembly reported his attendance on the sessions of that body; which was approved & his diligence commended.

Commissioner to Gen. Assy. reported.

Dr Wood also reported the attendance of ruling elder Dr R. L. Beall upon the same; this report was also received & the diligence of Dr Beall commended.

Presbytery then adjourned till Monday morning 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Monday morning 9½ o'clock
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Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Minutes of yesterday read & approved.

The order of the day was then taken up viz: the report of the Com. on Davidson College.

This report was considered seriatim - amended & adopted in its parts & as a whole - as follows:

D. College Com. Report

The Committee appointed to consider & report on the affairs of Davidson College, respectfully report the following:

(1) We recommend that Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. & A. Leazar be re-appointed as trustees for the ensuing four years.

(2) That the Presbytery rejoices to learn from the "annual letter" of the trustees that the College has enjoyed such a measure of prosperity during the past year. We cordially sympathize with Dr McKinnon, our president, in his protracted illness, & express the most earnest hope that he may be speedily restored to health & to his responsible place at the head of the College. At the same time the Presbytery most heartily endorses Dr Martin as vice-President, & acting President of the College, & would assure our

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people that we have the fullest confidence in his wisdom, faithfulness, & skill, & our firm belief that the College will suffer no injury under his able management.

(3) The Presbytery learns with satisfaction that the trustees have continued Rev Dr Mack as the agent of the College, & desires to commend him to the confidence & liberality of our churches & people.

(4) In view of the centennial of Presbyterianism in the United States, occurring in the year 1888, we recommend that the churches & people connected with Davidson College endeavor to raise $100.000 for the increased endowment of Davidson College, as a thank offering to God for his goodness to us, & we would request Dr Mack to aid our ministers & ruling elders in carrying out this scheme.

D. College Com. Report.

(5) We recommend that the Presbytery appoint a Centennial Memorial Committee on Education, to co-operate with our ministers & people in holding educational conventions during the year, with the view of raising our portion of this endowment, & for the furtherance of the cause of Education by establishing parochial schools & academies wherever practicable.

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Sept. 19. (6) We recommend that contributions and subscriptions be taken up in all our Churches in the months of April & October 1888. the proceeds to be appropriated to the endowment of the Chair of "Bible Study & Presbyterian History". The speedy establishment of this chair the Presbytery regards as of the utmost importance.

(7) In view of the urgent need of funds to aid indigent students the Presbytery would encourage Churches, & individuals to establish memorial scholarships in honor of worthy deceased pastors or others, the income to be appropriated to aid students nominated by the donors, or by the Faculty of the College, according to the plan already arranged.

(8) The Presbytery would respectfully call the attention of benevolent persons, having property to bequeath, to Davidson College as a suitable object of charitable remembrance. A large part of the endowment of other colleges has been obtained in this way, & we believe that testators could find no more promising methods of doing good with their money than leaving it to be employed in Christian Education.

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Sept. 19. (9) We would respectfully ask the Trustees to consider the propriety of issuing limited Scholarships, for smaller sums, & for shorter terms of years.

com. { J. Rumple D.D. / R. W. Boyd. / J. L. Williamson / A. W. White & elders / Dr J. S. Lafferty. / M. L. Bernhardt. & / A. A. Hill }

The Centennial Memorial Committee on Education, appointed under recommendation fifth (5th) consists of Rev J. Rumple D.D. Rev Wm. W. Phaw. Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. & ruling elders A. Leazar & Prof W. J. Martin.

Statesville F. College.

The following paper was adopted:
Whereas we believe that there is perhaps no subject of more importance to our people than the Christian Education of their daughters &-
Whereas we have no institution for their higher Education under the control of our church as a body.
And Whereas, recognizing the importance of this subject & being fully convinced that the Female Colleges

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Sept. 19. At Statesville affords most excellent advantages for the Education of our daughters under Christian influences

Resolution Statesville. F. College.

And whereas this Institution has a special claim upon the support of Concord Presbytery, Therefore -

Resolved. That the members of this Presbytery urge upon all our people the importance of this institution & the importance of patronizing & supporting it by sending their daughters to it.

Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr J. W. Steffey on Theology, Church History, Church Government & the sacraments. The Committee on Languages were directed to examine his Latin & Greek, Critical Exercise & Popular Lecture.

J. W. Steffey examined.

This Committee reported these parts examined & recommended their approval, adopted.

The trial sermon of Mr Steffey & the examination as a whole & in all its parts was sustained as satisfactory

Presbytery then procuded to license him as follows:

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Sept. 19th At Newton church, Sept. 19th 1887. the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favour of John W. Steffey, of his having gone through a regular course of literature, of his good moral character, & of his being in the communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure. And he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, & as to his proficiency in divinity & other studies, the Presbytery did & hereby does, express its approbation of all these parts of trial.

Jno. W. Steffey licensed.

And he having adopted the Confession of Faith & the Catechisms of this Church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, & hereby does, license him, the said John W. Steffey to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

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Sept. 19. The Treasurer presented the following report which was received & approved:

The Treasurer reports the following Balances on hand:

Commissioner's Fund due the Trs	$32.76
Education " " "	34
	33.10
Trust Salosa Synod,	$37.44
Home Missions	83.89
	121.33
	33.10
Leaving a new balance of —	88.23

O. A. Davis Esq

The committee on the letter from Lexington Presbytery reported, recommending that the certificate of John W. Soffety be transferred to the Presbytery of Lexington, Va. this report was adopted & the Stated Clerk directed to send the certificate of transfer.

Jno. W. Soffety transferred to Lexington Va

The com. on the paper of Hula & Hoyt, reported recommending the following, which was adopted:

Your committee recommend that this Presbytery accept the offer of Messrs J. A. Hula & T. Hoyt

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Sept. 19. to donate 3 acres of land near Deinville Cove for religious & educational purposes, And that the Trustees - viz: Rev B. G. Beall E. W. Faucette & Rev R. G. Beall be appointed a building Committee to devise ways & means of complying with the conditions of said offer.

R. D. Anderson Clk

The com. on the Narrative presented a report which was received, approved & ordered to be reported to Synod.

Recess was then taken until 2½ P.M.

After recess - Presbytery met.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Genl. Assembly made the following report - which was received - taken up seriatim, amended & adopted as follows;

Com. on Minutes of Genl. Assy, report.

The Committee recommend that the (5) nine proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice & consent - concerning the "adjusting of the Book of Order to the action on the Elder Moderator," & found on pages 197 & 231, printed minutes, be referred to a special committee to report at the Spring meeting.

This committee consists of Rev Messrs W. A. Wood. Wm. H. Sharp & ruling elders A. Sprague & J. A. Hill.

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The answer of the Gen'l. Assembly to the overture from this Presbytery, as to preaching to Children, found on page 242. was referred to the same committee.

The committee further recommend that all our ministers be required to preach to their people on the topics mentioned on page 254 & 5, Nos 1. 2 & 3, touching family worship.

Com { W. A. Wood & R. W. Gibson.

The committee of Finance the following moneys received:

Finance Com. report.

From Shiloh ch. for Domestic Missions $4.22
" " " " Invalid Fund 1.00
" Quaker Meadows For. Missions 2.10
" Concord (Indell, Ch. " " " 10.00

This report was received & approved.

It was ordered that when this Pres. adjourns it adjourn to meet in Fayetteville, during the Sessions of Synod - at the call of the Moderator.

Home Missions.

The Committee of Home Missions presented the following report which was taken up seriatim & adopted:

1 Your committee recommend

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That the Chairman of the Eastern Evangelistic field be instructed to write to all the churches in Presbytery which have not responded to the last call of Presbytery for contributions to settle the debt on Norwood Manse.

Home Missions Report. 2 That Rev J. G. Williamson be added to the Eastern Evangelistic Committee.

3 That Revs. W. A. Wood D.D. & W. R. McLelland be appointed a building committee to solicit contributions & erect a church building at Trantman's.

4 That Revs R. B. Anderson D.D. & B. L. Beall be appointed a similar committee to solicit funds & erect a church at Glen Alpine.

5 That Evangelist Jno. M. Gamble be directed to labor at Turkey Cove, Grassy Creek & Drusilla till next meeting of Presbytery - with such compensation as the said Churches & the Com. may be able to make.

Supplies:

1 That Rev C. A. Monroe preach three times at Blowing Rock & between this time & Spring meeting of Presbytery - with the powers of an Evangelist. & that his pulpit be filled two of these

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Sept. 19. Sabbaths by Rev J. M. Harvey & Rev W. A. Wood &c &c.

2 That Rev J. Rumple &c &c. preach at Blowing Rock twice & Rev C. M. Payne supply his pulpit once.

3 That Rev C. M. Tidball preach at Blowing Rock once.

Supplies

4 That Rev J. M. Harvey be appointed to preach & administer the Sacraments at Old Fort & Lebanon - between now & the Spring meeting & Rev W. R. Boyd preach & administer the Sacraments at Marion, & Rev C. M. Payne preach & administer the Sacraments at Rocky River.

R. B. Anderson Chr

The Home Mission Com. were authorized to visit the various chs, if necessary, in order to raise the assessments for Evangelistic work. And the Com. were relieved from further efforts to collect old arrearages to Evangelistic work.

Standing Rule.

It was made a Standing Rule that at each Spring meeting - the roll of the churches be called & Churches report whether they have attended to assessments & give reasons in case of failure.

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Sept. 19. Revs W. W. Pharr & J. A. Ramsay were appointed to consider the propriety of publishing the Minutes in pamphlet form & report at the meeting during Synod.

Evangelists W. B. Arrowood & B. L. Bissell made verbal reports of their labors.

The following members appeared in Pres. during the Sessions & their names en-rolled: Ministers. C. M. Payne.

Members appear

Ruling Elders - A. A. McKinnon Concord Com
J. M. Wilson - Bethel. Dr J. R. D. Adams
Fifth Creek. Wilson Troll Franklin.

The following obtained leave of absence:

Leave of absence

Ministers - J. G. Williamson. B. L. Arrowood, W. B. Arrowood, A. W. White.
Ruling elders - Dr J. R. D. Adams. A. A. Hill. J. L. Sappenfield. Wm Clark, A. F. Godman Miles Wallsonsen. R. W. Gibson. W. F. Hall J. N. Carson. A. A. McKinnon. J. W. Beaty. D. F. Young. M. G. Barnhardt. J. M. Wilson. J. L. Sappenfield & R. R. Presnell.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the citizens of Newton for their kind hospitality & to the pastors of the Methodist & German Reformed Churches for the use of their chs.

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Sept. 19. It was ordered that Presbytery hold their next regular semi-annual meeting at Franklin Church, to begin on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath of April 1888, at 11. o'clock A. M.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Fayetteville, during the session of Synod - at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer & the benediction.

William W. Pharr
Stated Clerk

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Statistical Report to Synod.

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Synod of N.C. 21 Ministers;
1 44 Churches; 3 Licentiates; 5 Candidates;
2 4085 Communicants; $ 23840 dollars
3 aggregate of all funds raised during
4 the year ending March 31. 1887. being
5 $15. more than was raised the year
6 before.
7 265 members were added to the churches
8 during the year on examination.
9 One Minister transferred viz; E. C.
10 Murray to Charleston Presbytery S. C.
11 June 8th 1887
12 One Church organized viz: Blowing
13 Rock - July 17. 1887.
14 One Licentiate transferred viz; J. W.
15 Leaffety Sept. 19th 1887. to Farmington
16 Presbytery Va.
17 Two Candidates received: J. M. Gruber
18 Oct. 6. 1886. & E. F. Alexander Oct. 9. 1886.
19 One Candidate transferred: W. E. Lentz
20 to Central Texas Pres. Oct. 7. 1886.
21 One ordination: C. M. Tidball Nov. 4
22 1886.

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Sept. 9 Two (2) installations: C.M. Tidball Nov. 4. 1886. over Concord (2nd ch) and A.W. White over Taylorsville Church May 8. 1887.

10. Two dissolutions of pastoral relations: A.W. White & Third Cong & Fifth Cong, Jan. 25. 1887. and E.C. Murray & Old Fort, Marion & Siloam in June 8. 1887.

11. Three Licensures: J.M. Gunter April 11. 1887. R.M. Culbertson June 8. 1887 & John W. Scaffety Sept. 19. 1887.

12 15 Ministers in charge of 31 Churches; 13 pastors; 2 Stated Supplies; 2 Evangelists; 3 Licentiates; One Foreign Missionary; One Prest. of College;

13 9 Vacant Churches;

14 $85-57 average Salary paid ministers in charge of Churches;

15 14 Manses, aggregate value $21.700.

16 No minister or Church in 5 counties viz: Gaston. Yancy. Mitchell. Ashe. & Alleghany.

The next Stated meeting will be held at Franklin church on the Thursday before the 3d. Sabbath of April 1888.

Wm. H. Thom. S.C.

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Narrative.

The presbytery of Concord respectfully report to the Synod of N.C. - that of our 44 churches, 9 are vacant; but we have a good hope that some of these will soon be supplied with the preached word.

Those churches not vacant, with scarcely an exception, report the attendance upon the preaching of the word as good, & many of them report an increase both in attendance & in interest.

We note, with special gratitude to God, the healthy growth, both in spirituality & membership, reported by most of our churches. Especially do we recognize the good hand of God in the precious revival just closed at Poplar Tent in which 25 were added to the church. 21 on profession & 4 by certificate.

The subject of family worship is receiving special attention by many of our ministers & we think there is a slight increase in the number of families that attend to this duty.

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Sept. out. with three or four exceptions where almost all the heads of families do attend to this duty, we have to mourn its sad neglect on the part of a majority within our bounds.

The Sabbath according to the Standard among presbyterians is well observed in most of our congregations.

Narrative No trouble whatever, with two solitary exceptions, is reported by our Pas. on the subject of intemperance; & the temperance sentiment & practice we think is decidedly on the increase.

Many of our Sab. Schools report increased interest & attendance, while only one or two report any decline.

Here it is proper to say that the Sab. School convention of our Presbytery, held on the day before Pres. opened, while our first & not so largely attended as it should have been, was yet quite a success; & we propose, God helping us, to have another & better next year.

Most of our churches take up collections regularly (many of them weekly) for all the objects ordered by the Assy, & we think the grace of liberality is decidedly on the increase.

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Sept. This is shown by the fact that although the times were during the past year, the contributions to all the objects amounted to $151 more than the year before.

While we would therefore render thanks to God for his great goodness shown us as a church we are constrained to acknowledge short comings. May the present year record greater faithfulness & grander results for our Lord.

Wm. Phan D.C.

1887 Oct. 26.

Fayetteville N.C.

Concord Presbytery met in Fayetteville Oct. 26. 1887. at the call of the last Moderator present: Rev W. R. McLelland. & Elds Opened with prayer.

Roll called & the following present: Ministers- E. F. Rockwell sen. J. M. Wharey R. W. Boyd. J. A. Ramsay. W. R. McL. McLelland. W. B. Arrowood. J. L. Williamson.

Elders: W. F. Hall Statesville; J. K. Graham Thyatira, J. M. N. Caldwell, Concord (In) Wm Murdock Salisbury. N. Johnston Poplar Tents.

Secretariate R. W. Culbertson

Secretariate R. W. Culbertson was transferred, at his request, to the care of Orange Presbytery. & the Stated Clerk directed to give him the proper certificate.

R. W. Culbertson Transferred to Orange.

A call from Third Creek church for the pastoral services of Rev T. J. Allison of Orange Presbytery - promising a salary of $400 dollars & the use of a manse for one half his time & the 5th Sabbaths - (salary to be paid in half yearly installments) was presented & read. & being found in order. Said Church was authorized to prosecute the same before the Orange

T. J. Allison Called to 3d Creek.

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Presbytery. Thus ordered that when this Presbytery adjourns. it adjourn to meet at Davidson College on Saturday the 26th of Nov. 1887 at 11. o'clock A.m.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

Oct. 27.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator Oct. 27th & was opened with prayer.

Roll called & a quorum present.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev J. G. Anderson of East Hanover Pres. Ch. from Rocky River Church for the whole of his time promising a Salary of $850. dollars & use of manse & 14 acres of land - was presented & read - & being found in order. Said church was granted permission to prosecute the same before said Presbytery.

J. G. Anderson called to R. River.

The committee to consider the propriety of printing the minutes in pamphlet form reported adversely - report rec'd & approved.

Printing Minutes Report.

Pres. adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

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Oct. 29.

Fayetteville N.C.
Oct. 29. 1887

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. Opened with prayer.

Quorum present.

H. Mission Report.

The Com. of Home Missions was authorized to increase the aid of Mt Pavilion at their discretion, not to exceed $150 dollars per annum.

The extra appropriation of the Com. to Mas Pavilion of $15. dollars last Aug. was approved

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Davidson College on Saturday the 26th of Nov. next at 11. o. clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

William W. Phan
S. C.

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Nov. 26.

Davidson College N.C.

Adjourned meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met at Davidson College Nov. 26th 1887 according to adjournment & was called to order & opened with prayer by Rev W.W. Phan the last Mod. present.

The roll was made out & the following present. Ministers. Wm W. Phan. J. M. Morey W. R. McLelland & S. K. Glasgow. Ruling Elders: J. S. Lafferty Davidson College, N. Johnston - Poplar Tent. & J. M. Wilson - Bethel Church.

R. A. Webb Rec'd

Rev R. A. Webb was received on certificate from Bethel Presbytery S.C. after examination on religious experience - Theology & Church Government & his name ordered to be enrolled.

A certificate from the Stated Clerk of Bethel Presbytery S. C. was read certifying that the joint Calls from Davidson College & Bethel Churches for the pastoral services of Rev R. A. Webb had been presented & read before that Presbytery & being found in order were placed in his hands: & further certified that Rev R. A. Webb had, in open Presbytery, signified his acceptance of the same.

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Whereupon a commission consisting of Revs Messrs J.A.L. Wharey & L.H. Glasgow & Ruling Elders J.A.L. Wilson & W.J. Martin was appointed to install him pastor of said churches on the day following, and that the Commission arrange among themselves the several parts of service.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Franklin church on Thursday the 12th day of April 1888 at 11.0'clock a.m.

Closed with prayer.

William W. Pharr S.C.

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Jan 31.

Salisburg N.C.

"Pro re nata" meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met in the presbyterian church Salisburg Jan. 31. 1888, at 8.0'clock P.M. under the following call of the Moderator:

Dear Brethren.

The provisions of our Form of Government having been complied with. I hereby call a meeting of Concord Presbytery to convene in the presbyterian church Salisburg at 7 30 P.M. on the 31st day of Jan. 1888- for the following purposes:

(1) To consider the application of Rev B.M. Boyd for a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him & the churches of Unity & Franklin

(2) To consider his request to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery.

D.S. Beall Mod.

Presbytery was called to order by Rev J. Rumple D.D. last Moderator present & was opened with prayer.

The roll was called & the following present:-

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Salisbury N.C.

Ministers-J. Rumple M.D. R. W. Boyd & J. A. Ramsay. Ruling Elders:- R. A. Knox Salisbury. R. Culbertson Unity. W. F. Shem Franklin.

Rev J. A. Ramsay was appointed temporary Clerk.

Rev R. W. Boyd then presented a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself & the churches of Unity & Franklin; these churches were heard from through representatives.

After due consideration presbytery decided to grant his request.

Whereupon a committee consisting of Rev J. A. Ramsay. W. R. McLelland & ruling elders R. A. Knox. J. H. Graham & Dr J. G. Ramsay- was appointed to visit the church of Franklin & inquire into the condition of said church & report at the next Spring meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned- sine die.

Closed with prayer.

Wm R Shaw S. C.

Com. to visit Franklin.

Statesville N.C.

"A pro re nata meeting

Concord Presbytery met in accordance with the call of the Moderator in Statesville Feb. 14th 1888. at 11. o'clock a.m.

Rev W. R. McLelland the last moderator present took the chair when the following call for the meeting was read.

"The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call a special meeting of Concord Presbytery to convene in the Presbyterian church Statesville at 11. a.m., on the 14th day of Feb. 1888. to transact the following business:

(1) To consider the application of Rev A. W. White for a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him & the Taylorsville & Wilkesboro churches.

(2) To consider the request of Rev A. W. White for a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Western Texas.

(3) To elect, if necessary, an agent of Sabbath Schools & appoint a chairman of the committee on the property of Salem church."

B. G. Grall Clerk

Lenoir. Feb 1. 1888."

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The moderator then opened the meeting with prayer. The roll was then called & the following present:
Ministers- W. A. Woods D.D., W. R. McClelland & A. W. White & ruling Elder W. F. Hall.

Rev A. W. White was appointed Clerk pro tem.

A. W. White dismissed,

Rev A. Walker White then asked for a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him & the Taylorsville & Wilksboro churches & gave his reasons therefor. Communications from the churches of Taylorsville & Wilksboro were read- reluctantly consenting to the dissolution whereupon, the request was granted & the said relation dissolved.
At his request, a letter of dismissal was ordered to be granted him- to connect himself with the Presbytery of Western Texas.

Business referred.

The appointment of a chairman of the committee on the property of Salem church & the election of an agent of Sabb. Schools were severally referred to the regular meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned
Closed with prayer.
W. W. Thain S. C.

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Feb. 21st

Concord N.C.

A Called meeting.

The Presbytery of Concord met in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church in Concord, Feb. 21st 1888. pursuant to the following call:
"The requirements of our Book of Government having been met, I do hereby call a special meeting of Concord Presbytery to be held in the Presbyterian Church in the town of Concord, on Tuesday the 21st of Feb. 1888, at 1 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of transacting the following business if the way be clear:
(1) To receive Rev J. G. Anderson into this Presbytery;
(2) To dismiss Rev W. B. Arrowood to Mecklenburg Presbytery;
(3) To consider & dispose of a call from Sugar Creek church for the pastoral services of Rev D. G. Williamson;
(4) To dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Poplar Tent church and Rev J. G. Williamson & dismiss him to Mecklenburg Presbytery
D. G. Beall
Moderator

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Rev J. Rumple D.D. the last Moderator present - took the chair & opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev W. S. Arrowood was appointed Clerk pro tem.

The roll was called & the following present: Ministers - J. Rumple D.D., C. M. Payne, J. L. Williamson, W. B. Arrowood & R. S. Arrowood.

Elders - A. A. McAnich of Concord Church & G. G. Kuntz of Poplar Tent.

Rev J. L. Anderson received. — Rev J. G. Anderson was received on certificate from East Hanover Presbytery after examination, & his name enrolled.

W. B. Arrowood dismissed to Mecklenburg. — Rev W. B. Arrowood offered his resignation as Evangelist of the eastern field - which was accepted & also, at his request, was dismissed to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

Owing to a failure of Mecklenburg Presbytery to meet, there was no call present from Sugar Creek Church for the pastoral services of Rev J. L. Williamson. Whereupon he asked that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation between himself & Poplar Tent Church & dismiss him to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

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Messrs N. Gibbon & J. M. Davis - representatives from Sugar Creek Church & appointed to prosecute the call - being present, were allowed to state reasons why Rev J. L. Williamson should be permitted to leave Poplar Tent Church, & accept a call to Sugar Creek.

Rev C. M. Payne read resolutions adopted in a congregational meeting at Poplar Tent, expressing great reluctance on the part of the Church of Poplar Tent to consent to the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

J. L. Williamson dismissed to Mecklenburg. & pastoral relation dissolved. — After both Churches were heard: Rev J. L. Williamson gave reasons why the said relation should be dissolved. When Presbytery dissolved the said relation & ordered a certificate of dismissal to be granted him to Mecklenburg Presbytery & directed the Stated Clerk to notify Poplar Tent of the dissolution of said relationship.

The minutes were read & approved & Presbytery adjourned.

William W. Pharr S.C.

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April 12th

Franklin Church. N.C.

Presbytery of Concord met at Franklin Church April 12th 1888 at 11. o'clock A.M. & was opened with a sermon by Rev R. A. Webb. from Isaiah Lix. 1-2. at the request of the last moderator present, and was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called & the following present:

Ministers	Elders	Churches.
J. Rumple D.D.	S. H. Wiley	Salisbury
W.W. Sharr	T.C. Sealy	Prospect
	J.R. McNeely	Centre
J.M. Wharey	A. Leazar (2)	Mocksville
R.W. Boyd.	J.A. Thomason	Franklin
	R. Culbertson	Unity
C.M. Payne	A.A. McKinch	Concord.
C.A. Monroe	R.L. Beall	Lemon
J.A. Ramsay	C.C. Miller	Thyatira
	Thos. McConnell	Back Creek
W.R. McLelland	R.C. Holder	Bethesda
	W.L. Dunlap	Bethany
R.A. Webb	W.S. Graves	A. College
J.G. Anderson	J.R. Wilson	Rocky River
R.P. Isenwood	C.M.D. Goodnight	Rocky Spring
	R.W. Gibson	Lexington 2nd
	J.D. Hoblock	1st Lexington
E.A. Perkins		Mocksville

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- L.L. Witherspoon Marion
- J.N. Shaw - Poplar Tent
- J.A. Hill - Statesville
- E.M. Stevenson - Taylorsville
- L.N. White - Zion.
- J.S. Hall (2) Hickory.

Rev C.M. Payne was chosen Moderator & Rev J.A. Ramsay & E.M. Stevenson temporary Clerks.

Presbytery then took a recess until 2. o'clock P.M.

After recess -

Presbytery met - The minutes of the last stated meeting & adjourned meetings were read & approved.

Excused

Excuses were read from Rev R.D. Anderson D.D. & Rev L.T. Glasgow for absence from the present meeting - which were sustained.

Excuses were also received from Revs W.A. Wood D.D. & R.L. Beall & sustained.

R.P. Farris

A communication was read from Rev R.P. Farris D.D. touching the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly & referred to a committee consisting of Rev Messrs J.G. Anderson - J.M. Wharey

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& ruling elder R. L. Beall.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Judicial Committee - Rev J. Rumple D.D. & Elders R. C. Holder & T. C. Beaty.

Bills & Overtures - Rev C. A. Mouse & Elders C. M. S. Goodnight & R. W. Gibson.

Devotional Exercises - Revs. R. W. Boyd - J. Rumple D.D. & R. Elder J. A Thomason.

Coms. by Mod.

Sessional Records - Rev R. S. Arrowood & ruling elders W. S. Evans - E. M. Stevenson, A. McA. McNinch & D. N. Shars.

Those appointed to the work of supply reported their duties performed except in one case - for which satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Rev W. R. McClelland was put on the Committee - on property of Salem Church - in place of Rev A. W. White & Mr E. M. Stevenson was made Chairman.

Rev J. S. Anderson was made Agt. of Sabbath Schools - in place of Rev A. W. White.

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A communication from Rev Geo Stacy touching the observance of the Sabbath was read & referred to a Com consisting of Rev Messrs J. Rumple D.D. W. W. Flinn & C. A. Mouse.

Trantham Com. Report.

The Committee to build a Church at Trantham's Depot reported that the house was not yet built & that no progress had been made since the last meeting of Presbytery - The report was rec'd & the Committee continued.

Glen Alpine Com. Report.

The Committee to build a Church at Glen Alpine reported progress - the report was rec'd & the Committee continued.

According to Standing Rule - the Roll of Churches was called to ascertain how nearly they paid the assessments

Com. to assess the Chs.

A Committee was appointed to consider the failure of Churches to pay their assessments for Evangelistic & Presbyterial Funds & make a new assessment of the Churches.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow 9½ o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

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April 13. Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

The committee on Sessional Records presented the following report which as amended was adopted as follows:

Sessional Records, Com. Report. The following Sessional Records were approved without exceptions: Davidson College. Unity. Mooresville. Thyatira Bachelors, Hickory. Centre. Taylorsville. Salisbury. Franklin & Statesville.

The following approved with exceptions - Bethany - approved. Except that the Sessional Records were not read & approved quarterly.

Concord Town, with the exception that in the case of Col. P. B. Means it is stated that his name was placed on the list of non-communicating members upon consideration of a certain letter rec'd from him - the purport of the letter should have been stated. so that Presbytery could judge whether the Session acted constitutionally - but the Presbytery does not on this account invalidate the action of the Session in the case.

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April 13. Bethesda - with the exceptions:

1. That on May the 5th 1887 Session failed to close with prayer & took a recess till next.
2. The statistical report does not appear on the records.

Shiloh - with the exceptions:

1 The records have not been submitted for approval since 1886.

2 The Session has not held regular quarterly meetings as required by Form of Government.

Sessional Records, report. 3 The records do not show that the minutes have read & approved during the year.

4 The statistical report is not recorded.

Bethphage - with the exception that the Session on the 10th of July 1887 took recess to July 16th.

Newton - with the exception that the Session was not closed with prayer July 1887.

Fifth Creek - with the following exceptions - 1. Session has not held quarterly meetings - 2. The record does not show that the minutes have been read & approved.

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Zion — with the exceptions, 1st the meeting of April 16th 1887 was not closed with prayer. 2. Statistical report not recorded.

Prospect — with exception that the meeting of Aug 1st was not closed with prayer.

Third Creek — with the exception that the minutes were not read during the year until April the 1st 1888.

Sessional records, report.

Rocky River — with the exceptions that Session failed to the reading & approval of the minutes since Jan. 11th 1888.
2. There is no record of the Statistical report.

Concord, Tindell, — with the exception that the Statistical Report is not recorded.

Poplar Tent — with the exception that on page 264 in releasing a deacon from the active duties of his office — it does not appear that the constitutional requirements were met.

Trouteman's, — with the exception that the delegate to Presbytery & Synod made no report as to attendance.

Morganton — with the exception that the Statistical report is not recorded.

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Lenoir — with the exception that the Session took recess from Oct 7th to Oct. the 8th 1887.

R.S. Isenwood Clerk

Com. to assess Chh.

The committee to consider the failure of churches to pay assessments & re-assessments, was appointed as follows: Rev Messrs C. A. Monroe, W. R. McLelland & ruling elders E. M. Stevenson & W. R. Le Beall.

E. F. R. prayer for.

A card was received announcing the serious illness of Rev E. F. Rockwell & when it was resolved that at the close of morning session Presbytery be led in prayer in his behalf by the Moderator.

Visiting minister

Time was made the first order for this afternoon to read the narratives from the Churches.

Rev Mr Franklin of the M. E. Church South was invited to sit as a visiting member.

Std. instructed.

The Stated Clerk was directed to incorporate in the minutes the exceptions taken to the Sessional Records.

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April 13. A call was read from Third Creek Church for the pastoral services of Rev T. J. Allison for one half his time & the 5th Sabbaths - promising him a salary of $400. Dollars per Annum - payable semi-annually & the use of a manse.

T. J. Allison called.

The call was found in order but Mr Allison not being present - nor a member of this Presbytery - the call was docketed.

The committee to arrange a plan for Centennial Educational meetings presented the following report - which was recvd & adopted.

Educational convention com. report.

The Committee appointed to arrange a plan for Centennial Educational meetings, recommend the following the following:

I That Educational conventions be held at one or more of our churches in the most densely presbyterian Counties during the Summer & Autumn of the present year as follows: (a) In Cabarrus Co. one at Rocky River & one at Poplar Tent (b) In Mecklenburg - one at Bethel Ch. (c) In Rowan Co. one at Thyatira & one at Unity.

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April 13. (d) In Iredell - one at Mooresville - one at Concord & one at Bethany. (e) In Alexander Co. one at Taylorsville. (f) In Catawba Co. one at Hickory. (g) In Caldwell Co. one at Lenoir. (h) In Burke Co. one at Morganton. (i) In McDowell Co. one at Marion.

II. That these conventions shall be under the direction of the pastors of the respective churches where they are held - who shall designate a suitable time & invite speakers to address the meeting on appropriate subjects.

Educational convention report.

III. A programme of exercises shall be prepared for each meeting & at the close a subscription shall be solicited for the further endowment of Davidson College especially for the chair of Biblical instruction - the subscription to be payable in installments during the ensuing three years - or at the option of the subscribers.

IV. In all our churches not visited by the convention or by the Agt. of the College, the pastor shall secure the services of one or more speakers on an appointed day, & hold a church educational meeting & the deacons shall

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April 13. apply to the congregation for subscriptions to the College.

V. In these conventions & church meetings special emphasis shall be laid on the importance of establishing & maintaining classical Schools, & these will be appropriate occasions for the formation of local Trustees or Committees to undertake the establishment of such classical Academies.

Education convention.

Your Committee would recommend as suitable subjects for addresses the following—

1 The connection between Education & the Christian religion.

2. Education & Presbyterianism in the States of Europe that Colonized America viz: the Hugenots, Waldenses Dutch, Salzburgers, English Independants, Scotch & Scotch-Irish

3. The relation of Presbyterianism to Education in N.C.

4 The work of Education in Synod Presbytery.

5 The influence of enlightened Presbyterianism upon civil & religious liberty.

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7. Presbyterian Martyrs.

8. Sketch of the Church where the convention is held.

Your Committee recommend that the Pres. of the College be requested to assist in some of these conventions & that he be requested to deliver an address on the second subject. Also that some of the Professors of Davidson College & such of our ministers as are willing to study some of the subjects be requested to prepare & deliver addresses upon them.

Education convention

The same committee was continued until next meeting of Presbytery and instructed to put the provisions of said report into effect, & to report facts to next meeting of this body. The name of Rev R. A. Webb was added to this committee.

The Committee to install Rev R. A. Webb, presented the following report which was received & adopted:

R. A. Webb installation

The Commission appointed to install Rev R. A. Webb pastor of Bethel & Davidson College churches, met

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at Bethel church Nov 27. 1887.
present- Rev Messrs J. M. Wharey
G. K. Glasgow & Elders W. J. Martin
& J. M. Wilson.

K. A. Webb installed.

Rev J. M. Wharey presided, preached the Sermon & propounded the constitutional questions. Rev G. K. Glasgow charged the pastor & Elder W. J. Martin charged the people.
On the same day at 7. o. clock P. M. the Commission met at Davidson college church- All the members present except J. M. Wilson.
Rev J. M. Wharey presided, preached propounded the constitutional questions & charged the pastor & Rev G. K. Glasgow charged the people.

Com. { J. M. Wharey, G. K. Glasgow, W. J. Martin & J. M. Wilson

The Committee to prepare a Manual for Presbytery presented a report which was received & adopted & Committee consisting of Rev Messrs Wm. H. Sharr, J. M. Wharey & J. A. Ramsay was appointed to revise the committee

Com. to revise Com's. & c.

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and A. Ts. of Presbytery.

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Presbytery then took recess until 2. o. clock P. M. and according to previous action, united in prayer by the Moderator in behalf of Rev E. F. Rockwell M. D.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The order of the day was taken up. when Presbytery heard the narratives from the churches & the criticisms of the Committee thereon; these criticisms were approved & the diligence of the Committee commended.

Narratives heard.

Treasurer's Report.

The follow report was read by the Treasurer & was received & referred to the committee to revise the assessments on the churches.
The Treasurer reports to Concord Presbytery the following balances:

Treasurer's Report.

Commissioners Fund	$ 86.40
Education -	21.96
Foreign Missions -	152.17
Home Missions -	182.10.
Publication -	120.58.
Tuskaloosa Just.	68.44.
Total -	631.70

From 1st April 1887 to April 1888. the total receipts from all sources were $2481.39

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April 13 — Of this amount $1632.75 was contributed to Foreign Missions, leaving $842.66 as receipts from all other sources.
This shows that about 2/3 of the whole amount went to Foreign Missions,
The Treasurer desires to call attention of Presbytery to the fact that some of Churches contribute nothing at all, to the Commissioners Fund. & a considerable number fail to pay their assessment in full.
The total amount for which the Churches are assessed is about $400. & the largest amt. contributed any one year is $283.92. & the smallest $92.39
In consequence of this failure of the Churches to contribute to this Cause, the Presbytery is behind in paying up assessments of Synod, as we now owe for the year 1886 & 1887 amounting to $90.01
The Balance now on hand is $86.40 which is about enough to pay up these two assessments, but this would leave us nothing to pay the salary of the Stated Clerk or the assessment of $50.00 to the Gen. Assembly, which is

Treasurer's report.

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April 13. — always paid in May, or the expenses of our Commissioners to the next Gen. Assembly
In addition to this, the Presbytery at the Spring meeting at Amity 1883. granted the Treasurer a salary of $50.00 per annum & in the whole of the five years since that time, he has not received a dollar for salary or postage,
In order to pay off the present obligations resting on this Fund, about $400. is required & we trust a considerable sum will be paid in at this meeting.

Treasurers report.

The Treasurer desires to commend the fidelity of some 12 of the Churches in paying their assessment promptly to this Cause, & if all the Churches would pay their just proportion, the assessment on these Churches that have paid promptly could be diminished.
In view of the above facts, & as it has been some years since the assessment was made, & as some new Churches have been added to the roll & the financial standing of some has been changed; the Treasurer would recommend a new assessment, the total amount to be $400. & that some vigorous action be taken to induce the Churches to

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April 13. have failed to pay for a long time, to pay up back dues.

The Treasurer recommends that the assessment stands for 5 years & a new assessment be made every 5 years.

He would also call the attention of Presbytery to the pressing need of liberal contributions to the Cause of Education, as our Candidates are calling for the appropriations made thereby Presbytery.

A. D. Davis Scribe

Permanent Auditing Committee

A permanent Committee consisting of Messrs W. G. Klutz, E. B. Means & J. A. Brown was appointed to audit the Treasurer's Books & accounts before each meeting of Presbytery & report thereon to this body.

The Home Mission Committee made a partial report (F) which was received, considered seriatim & adopted. (This report came not into the hand of the stated Clerk)

Trustmans to draw on Treasurer

The committee to build a church at Trustman's was authorized

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April 13. to draw on the Treasurer for certain funds sent to him through mistake.

Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. The minutes of Yesterday were read & approved.

Committee on Sessional Records

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Presented the following report which was received & adopted:

Report on Sessional Records.

The Committee recommend the approval of the following Sessional Records: Davidson College, Unity, Mooresville, Thyatira, Back Creek, Hickory, Centre, Taylorsville, Salisbury, Franklin & Statesville. And the following with exceptions: viz: Bethany - except that the Records were not read & approved quarterly.

Concord Town - with the exception, that in the case of Col. P. B. Means it is stated that his name was placed on the roll of non-communicants upon consideration of a certain letter received from him. The purport of the letter should have been stated so that

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Presbytery could judge whether the session acted constitutionally. But, Presbytery does not on this account invalidate the action of the session in the case mentioned.

Bethesda - with the exceptions:

1. That on May 21st 1882 Session failed to close with prayer & took a recess till next day.
2. The statistical report does not appear on the records.

Shiloh - with the exceptions:

1 The Records have not been submitted for approval since 1886.
2 Session has not held regular quarterly meetings.
3 The Records do not show that the minutes have been read & approved during the year.
4 The statistical report not recorded.

Bethphage - with the exception that the Session on the 10th of July 1887 - without adjournment, took recess until July 16th

Newton - Except the session was not closed with prayer July 1, 1887.

Pisgah Church - with exceptions.

1 Session has not held quarterly

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meetings as required by Form of Govt.
2 The Records do not show that the minutes have been read & approved.

Zion - with the exceptions:

1 Meeting of Session April 16, 1887 was not closed with prayer.
2 The statistical report not recorded.

Prospect - with the exception that the meeting of Aug 18 was not closed with prayer.

Third Creek - with the exception that the minutes were not read & approved during the year until April 15th 1888.

Rocky River - with the exceptions:

1 That Session failed to record the reading & approval of the minutes since June 11, 1888.
2 Statistical Report not recorded.

Concord Endell with the exception that the statistical report is not recorded.

Poplar Tent - with the exception that on page 264, in releasing a Deacon from the active duties of his office, it does not appear that the Constitutional requirements were complied with. See Form. & Govt. Digest. Ch. Govt. art 3.

Frontman - with the exception that the delegate to Fall meeting of Miss & Synod

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made no report as to attendance
Morganton - with the exception that
the Statistical Report is not recorded,
Lenoir - with the exception - that the
Session took no recess from Oct, 7th to Oct 8th
R. S. Axtwood Clk

Minutes of Synod report.

The committee to examine the Minutes of
Synod reported that Minutes had not
come into their hands; report received
& committee discharged.

The Committee to prepare a narrative
to the Genl. Assembly presented a report
which was received, approved & ordered
to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly
& is as follows:

Narrative to Genl. Assy.

I Presbytery reports a commendable
fidelity on the part of Ministers & ruling
elders & deacons in the discharge of
their official duties, noting only the
exception that the elders, in some
cases, do not come up to the full
measure of their duty in the matter
of pastoral visitation.

II. Attendance upon the various services
of the sanctuary is good, & in some
instances there is an encouraging
increase in the number of habitual

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worshipers at the public services.

III. In as many as six churches, there
have been gracious revivals, & in
many others there has been a blessed
out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, only
less copious than the cases already
alluded to.

IV. There have been added to our commun-
-ion; on profession of faith, 315 mem-
-bers, as against 265 last year, & we are
encouraged by the signs of general im-
-provement throughout our borders.

Narrative to Genl. Assy. V

The general Christian deportment of
of our members is above reproach, &
in some directions, at least, there have
been a pleasant growth in grace.

VI. There are Sabbath Schools connected
with nearly all our churches, under
the care of the Sessions. & while the
members are not as faithful as
they should be, they exhibit a con-
-siderable interest & activity in this
department of Church work.

VII. The Catechism is taught in all
our Sabbath Schools & in many many
families, & we are urging greater
fidelity in this matter.

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April 14 VIII. About one half the families under our care conduct family worship.

IX. We rejoice to report a very good attendance of the Sabbath day.

X. In a majority of our churches, there has been an increase of liberality, but one regrets the failure of many churches for several alleged reasons to contribute to several causes of benevolence.

Narrative to Gen. Assy. XI. Intemperance, worldly amusements & other forms of flagrant sins do not prevail openly among us.

XII Out of 45 Churches 15 are without any stated arrangements for preaching, but Presbytery seeks, as far as possible to supply them with an occasional dispensation of the word.

XIII The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has several closed organizations in our bounds & the way still seems closed against our entry among this class of our population.

XIV Presbytery has a large Evangelistic field & is prosecuting this work with only a comparative delegation & success

J. D. Anderson Clk

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April 14. The Committee on the Sabbath presented a report, which was received, approved & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

The Committee appointed to re-arrange the permanent presbyterial Committees & Agents, reported, recommending the following - which was adopted:

Presbyterial com's.

On Languages - Latin Hebrew & Critical Exercise - Rev Messrs J. Rumple M.A. D. R. Glasgow, R. A. Webb, R. S. Norwood & two ruling Elders.

II On Arts & Sciences - Rev R. B. Anderson M.A. J. D. Anderson & B. D. Beall & two elders.

III. Ecclesiastical History & Church Government. Rev Messrs J. A. Ramsay, C. M. Payne, W. R. McClelland, C. M. Tidball & two Elders.

IV On Theology & the Sacraments - Rev Messrs W. W. Thach, J. M. O'Leary, W. A. Wood M.A. R. W. Boyd & two ruling Elders.

V

V Committee of Home Missions - Rev Messrs R. B Anderson M.A. C. A. Stillwell. J. Rumple M.A. W. A. Wood M.A. & ruling elders N. Gregory, J. D. Hall & J. H. Hill.

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VI. Committee of Education — Rev Messrs C. M. Payne, Wm W. Pharr & Prof W. J. Martin

VII. Agent of Foreign Missions — Rev R. W. Boyd.

Presbyterial Agts. VIII. Agt. of Publication — Rev J. A. Ramsay.

IX. Agt. Sabbath Schools — Rev J. G. Anderson

X Trustees of Presbytery — Rev B. L. Beall & Elders Dr R. L. Beall & E. W. Fancette.

com { Wm W. Pharr, J. M. Wharey & J. A. Ramsay.

The Committee on the communication of Dr Faris stated Clerk of Synod, presented a report which was rec'd pending further action on this report.

Presbytery took recess until 2 o. clk P. M.

Aftn recess,

Systematic Benevolence report. Presbytery met.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence presented a report which was rec'd & approved & ordered to be forwarded to the Synod. Assembly

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Secretaries report. Secretariate J. C. Kennedy made a verbal report of his labors since last meeting, this report was received & his diligence commended.

The commission appointed to consider & settle arrearages due Rev P. P. Wenn, offered the following report which was received & approved:

Statesville N.C.
Jan. 20. 1888.

The commission appointed by Concord presbytery to consider & settle arrearages due Rev P. P. Wenn pon the churches of Concord (Fredell), Bethesda, Shiloh, Elis & New Salem, met at place & date as above.

The parties interested had all been notified; but none were present.

Commission settle arrearages P. P. Wenn

The commission all being present, proceeded to compare all the papers in the case of each church, & examining the presbyterial records carefully, & found as follows: Concord church (Fredell) Rev Wenn was entitled by stipulated salary, as per records of Pby. for-

For 1879 - 9 mos -		$300.00
" 1880 - -		350.00
1881		262.50
		912.50

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Mr Wynn received, as per his own statement $931.32. This shows an excess of receipts above the dues: but in consideration of the claim, for services rendered as stated supply, without contract known to Presbytery, we adjudge that he be tendered the E.H. Stevenson note, now worth about $53.38. upon condition he receipt Concord Church in full.

Bethesda Church.

Mr Wynn was entitled according to records of Pres.:

	For 1883	$300.00
	" 1884 -	325.00
	" 1885 - 8 mos -	200.00
	Total -	$825.00

Com. on arrearages with P.P. Wynn, report.

Mr Wynn received as per his own statement $688.93.

This leaves a balance due Mr Wynn of $139.07. We therefore adjudge Bethesda Church as indebted to Rev P.P. Wynn in the sum of one hundred & thirty seven dollars.

New Salem.

We find that Mr Wynn charges for the year 1882 $50.00: but there is no evidence of any contract; except permission of Presbytery to labor in that church for

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the year 1883. Mr Wynn was to receive as per Records of Pres. $75.00. For the 6 mos. of 1884, for which he charges $30.50. We find no evidence of contract.

Mr Wynn rec'd as per his own statement $98.95. This makes a balance against Mr Wynn of $23.95 over pay: but it is manifest to the commission that the church owes him justly for services during 83 & 84. when there were no contracts upon record: but we are totally unable to determine the amount thus due.

Same. Cleo Church.

Mr Wynn was entitled as per Records of Pres.

	For 1880 to	$112.50
	" 1881 "	112.50
	" 1882 "	135.00
	" 1883 "	150.00
	Total -	510.00

Mr Wynn rec'd as per his statement $519.25 This makes an apparent ballance against Mr Wynn of $9.25 -: but there seems a just claim for services rendered during 6 mos. of 1884. as to which there is no evidence of contract. We find the Church is entitled to a further credit for supplies & for labor (the amt. of which could not be determined probably approximating 15-00 or

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Shiloh Church.

We find contracts between Mr Winn & this church for the year 1880 & 1881.
He claims against the the church for 8 mos. of 1878 & for 1879 & for 6 mos. of 1883, at different salaries per annum.
Mr Winn is entitled by the Records of Pres. to $140.00. Rec'd as per his Statement $395.45.
This makes a balance against Mr Winn of $155.45: but there seems evident justice in the claims for the years 1878, 1879 & 1883 as to which there is no evidence of contract; & therefore it is impossible for the Commission to adjudge a definite sum either way.
The Chairman of the Commission is directed to inform the parties interested of the judgment in each case; & to enjoin a compliance with the same.

Comm. { J.N. Hill, A. Sleazar, W. F. Hall

Std Clk directed to notify Shiloh Church of the amt. due Rev Mr Winn & enjoin them, through their own officers to come to a settlement satisfactory to all parties & the church be directed

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to report at next meeting of Presbytery.
A Committee consisting of Rev Messrs J. G. Anderson, C. A. Monroe, & Elder Dr J. R. Wilson was appointed to arrange for the installation of Rev J. G. Anderson at Rocky River. This committee reported recommending that the installation be on Friday (4th) before the 1st Sab. in May; & that Rev J. M. Whaley preach the sermon, propound the constitutional questions & charge the people & Rev R. A. Webb charge the pastor - adopted.

Com to install J. G. Anderson

Rev C. A. Monroe with Rev C. M. Payne as his alternate was chosen as Commissioners to the next Gen. Assembly to meet in Baltimore & Ruling Elder A. Sleazar as principal with O. H. Davis as his alternate.

Commissioners to Gen. Assembly

The committee on devotional exercises made a report which was rec'd & approved & the committee discharged.
Time made the order of the day for 8 o'clk P.M. to the report of the Ag't. of Foreign Missions.

Finance Report -

The Com on Finance made the following report - which was rec'd & approved:
Your com. have examined the Books & vouchers of your Treasurer & find them

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correct & neatly kept. We have rec'd the following amounts from the churches named below & for the purposes stated:

From	Bethesda	for Evangelistic	$ 5.00
"	Shiloh	" Sustentation	2.25
"	Lemuir	" Commissioner's Fund	10.00
"	Rocky River	" "	30.00
"	Bethphage	" For Missions (L. Society)	5.00
"	Bethany	" Education	2.00
"	Prospect	" Tuskaloosa Inst.	1.00
"	Concord (Udell)	For Missions (L. S.)	6.57
"	Back Creek	" Commissioner's Fund	5.59
"	"	" For Missions	14.42
"	"	" Ladies Mission Society	8.55
"	"	" Publication	1.64
"	"	" Sab. School	20.76
"	"	" Invalid Fund	1.90
"	"	" Evangelistic Fund	4.68
"	"	" Education	1.63
"	"	" Tuskaloosa Inst.	1.02
"	"	" Sustentation	2.66
"	Mooresville	Commissioner's Fund	14.00
"	Amity	" "	12.00
"	Marion	" Education	6.00
"	"	" For Missions	4.01
"	Rev J. C. Kennedy	" "	5.01
"	Zion	" "	1.10
"	"	" Commissioner's	2.00
			168.77

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April 14. Home Mission Committee reported that they had visited some churches under authority given at Fall meeting of Presbytery.

" The Committee to visit Franklin church & inquire into certain disturbances there - would respectfully report:

The committee met, at the call of the Chairman, at Franklin church on Feb. 7th 1888. 11. o'clk A.M.

Present - Rev J. A. Ramsay & ruling Elders Dr J. G. Ramsay, R. A. Kent & J. F. Graham.

Opened with prayer by the Chairman.

Com. to visit Franklin report.

Four of the 5 Ruling Elders & 3 of the 5 Deacons of Franklin church were present & met the Committee.

It was determined to make the "Call" to the Pastor the basis of investigation & inquiry.

The pastor was then allowed to make such statements as he desired or deemed necessary.

The Ruling Elders & Deacons were then questioned separately as to the faithfulness of the pastor in the discharge of his official duties; when it appeared that he had been as faithful as the average pastor.

These officers were next inquired of as to the faithfulness of the congregation in meeting their obligations to their pastor, as these

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are mentioned in their "call"; & the unanimous testimony was that of unfaithfulness on almost all points.

The pastor was then invited to make a full statement of the existing disturbances from his standpoint, which was done.

After gathering all the facts possible, the Committee weighed all the evidence & reached the following conclusions:

Com to visit Franklin report. (1) We find no well founded charges or complaints against the pastor.

(2) The congregation have not done their duty & those present confess the fact.

(3) There are some personal piques & animosities, but these do not account for all the disaffection.

(4) As all present seemed to think a change of pastor desireable, therefore we recommend

1st That the pastoral relation be dissolved, as previously requested by the pastor.

2nd That presbytery direct the Session of Franklin Church to make a judicial investigation of the cases above referred to,

Com. { J. A. Ramsay Clerk
R. A. Kent
J. K. Graham

I approve of all these recommendations except the last, which I think had better

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April 14 be left to the discretion of the Session of the Church of Franklin.

J. G. Ramsay.

This report was received & approved & the first recommendation adopted, and instead of the second recommendation, the following substitute was adopted; viz: That a Commission of 5 be appointed, at the request of the Session of Franklin Ch, to make a judicial investigation of certain cases in Franklin Church, referred to in the report of the Committee of inquiry.

A Committee consisting of Rev R. R. McLelland J. G. Hall & Dr R. L. Beall was appointed to nominate this Commission.

Commission to try cases in Franklin

This committee reported & the Commission appointed consists of Rev Messrs J. A. Ramsay, C. M. Payne, R. R. McLelland & Ruling Elders J. R. McNeely & E. M. Stevenson.

Pastoral relation dissolved (1) R. R. Boyd.

Rev R. R. Boyd then renewed his request for a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself & the churches of Franklin & Unity; assigning the follow reasons: A failure on the part of Franklin Ch. to meet the pecuniary obligations under the call & a want of full & hearty co-operation in church work on the part of some.

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April 14 (2) As far as Unity is concerned there is no reason for the dissolution of the relation-ship, except that it is in the pastoral group with Franklin & it is not desirable to break that grouping.
The church of Unity was then heard from which reluctantly concurred in this request.

W. R. Boyd pastoral relation dissolved.

The request was then granted & the relation dissolved.
Permission was then granted Mr Boyd to labor outside our bounds until next meeting.

Coms. reports.

The Committee on Bills & Overtures reported no business on hands; the report was recvd & the committee discharged.
The Judicial Committee reported no business & was discharged.

Secretaries report.

A written report of the labors of Secretaries Gillespie & Grundy was read & approved.

Education authorized to draw on Treasurer

The committee of Education was authorized to borrow $100. dollars from the Publication Funds in order to meet the demands on the Committee, & the Treasurer directed to make this transfer.

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The collection for Union Theol. Seminary was deferred until the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Sab. School report.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made a report which was taken up seriatim & amended, adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

Manual report. to be printed.

The report on the Manual of Presbytery was taken from the docket, & the Com. instructed to have the Manual printed & furnish a sufficient number of proof copies to supply each minister & Session with a copy, & that the Manual be considered at the next meeting of this body. The Stated Clerk was directed to furnish the Committee a correct list of Standing rules of this Presbytery.

St'd Clk. directed.

The unfinished business was then taken up; viz: the report on the Overture sent down by the Gen. Assembly.
The following was adopted as the mind of this body touching this matter:

Overture. Gen. Assy. Answer.

Concerning the proposed amendment to the Form of Government relating to Organic union with other bodies, & which the permanent Clerk of the Gen. Assembly informs us was sent down to the Presbyteries for their action on the same

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April 14. and concerning which the printed Minutes are by him alleged to be in error, the Presbytery of Concord sends the following to the Genl. Assembly as its action on the proposed amendment:

In view of the serious doubt as to the question whether this Overture is legally before us, the Presbytery of Concord does hereby overture the Genl. Assembly to send down the said amendment to the Presbyteries for their action next year.

Overture answer.

But in case the Genl. Assembly decides that the Overture was constitutionally before the Presbytery & proceeds to count the votes, the Presbytery of Concord asks to be counted as voting for the proposed amendment in question.

Com. on assessments

The committee on arrearages of churches of churches to the Evangelistic & Presbyterial Funds, presented a report which was considered, & as amended was adopted as follows:

Your committee appointed to take into consideration the delinquent churches on assessments & revise the said assessments beg leave to report the following:

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April 14. Report on arrearages of Churches

We call attention to the arrearages of Churches as follows:

For the year ending April 1888.

	Evangelistic	Presbyterial
Back Creek	$13.72.	3.41
Bethany	17.25	9.00
Bethel	17.00	9.00
Bethsada	15.00	4.00
Bethphage	19.30	13.00
Centre	26.00	5.40
Concord (2 subs)	13.80	14.00
Davidson College	25.50	
Fifth Creek	32.15	11.00
Franklin	31.00	3.51
Lenoir	14.00	
Taylorsville	22.00	
Wilkesboro		3.00
Morganton	14.30	6.83
Newton	11.50	7.00
Prospect	23.00	
Poplar Tent	23.00	25.00
Rocky River	9.41	5.00
Statesville	10.06	13.41
Third Creek	40.00	12.00
Thyatira	7.40	7.00
Unity	26.84	
Zion	2.50	1.00
Concord (Town)		5.00
Salisbury		5.00
	229.90	162.46

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April 14. The following Churches owe paid as follows:

	Evangelistic	Presbyterial
Mooresville	$4.00	5.00
Salisbury	62.40	
Hickory		4.00
Prospect		8.72

Concord (Town) 15.00.

(1) In view of the standing arrears- We recommend that the Home Mission Com, be instructed to lay these arrears on Evangelistic assessments before the delinquent Churches & urge the prompt payment of the same.

(2) As the Treasurer has reported that $400. is required to meet the present indebtedness & present obligations of the Presbyterial fund, We recommend that our Treasurer be instructed to ascertain the amounts due on assessments for the last 5 years & urge the Churches to pay all they can, at least 50 per cent.

Treasurer instructed.

(3) We further recommend that all contributions for Home Missions be sent to C. A. Davis & that Hall & Fetzer Treasurers of the Sub-committees draw on Davis for the funds to be distributed in their respective fields.

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April 14 (4) In view of the importance & difficulty of making new assessments, Your Committee ask to be relieved from the duty of making a revision, but would recommend that a Special Committee be appointed by this Presbytery whose duty it shall be to make a new assessment of the Churches & report to the next Pres.

C. A. Mowrey Chr

Rev J. A. Ramsay & ruling elders N. B. Hamilton, E. M. Stevenson, C. A. Davis & A. Teague were appointed the committee to reassess the Churches & report to next meeting.

Com to re-assess the Churches.

The committee to consider certain amendments sent down by the Assembly, failing to make a report, the Presbytery took up the amendments considered them & concurred with the same.

Amendments adopted.

Presbytery then took recess until 8 o'clock P. M.

After recess- Presbytery met.

After devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator & the Act. of For. Missions presented the following report which was rec & after addresses. approved:

For. Mission report.

For. Mission Report.

Your Act. of For. Missions would report that 34 of our Churches have contributed to the cause of For. Missions the sum of $1986.21

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April 14. being an increase over the contributions of last year of more than $250.00. Of churches sending up reports, & make no contributions to this cause: viz New Salem Bethel, Shiloh & Trantmans.

Your A.S.T. notices with satisfaction the liberal contributions from the churches which have been recently organized.

For Mission report. A few of the churches indicate the source from which the contributions were rec'd such as Ladies Societies, Sab. Schools & Church collections &c, but as this practice is not universal it is impossible to tell what amt's should be credited to any one source.

It is known that an effort is being made to effect an organization of a presbyterial Ladies Missionary Society - which it is hoped will result in much good.

The churches reporting increased contributions worthy of note are: Concord 2nd Concord (town) Turkey Cove, Morganton, Mocksville, Mooresville, Davidson College Newton, Centre, Wilkesboro & Marion. Of these Mooresville deserves special mention.

While there is not yet the light & universal interest among our people in the great

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April 14 cause of Missions which its importance demands, yet it is a matter of thankfulness that there is much & increasing interest which is manifesting itself throughout the Presbyterian Church. Your A.S.T. would call attention to the great Mission Conference to be held in the City of London next June from the 9th to the 15th & recommend that you ask our people to pray for God's blessing upon it.

N.W. Boyd A.S.T.

The Home Mission Committee presented the following report which was adopted:

Report

The Home Mission Com. during a meeting held in Nov. 1887, directed that the collections for sustentation by the churches of Prospect, Centre, Mooresville, Statesville & Davidson College be sent to the Committee for building a church at Trantmans, & that of the churches of Morganton, Hickory & Lenoir, be sent to the Com. for building a church at Glen Alpine.

H. M. Com report. (1)

(2) We recommend that Rev. J. S. Anderson & Rev. R. S. Arrowood be added to the sub-committee of Home Missions.

(3) That the Evangelistic assessment on the churches in the Eastern Evangelistic field be used in settling what is due Rev. W. B. Arrowood & in liquidating the debt

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April 14. on the Norwood mission.

(4) That Rev M.A. Wood d.d. preach & admin's
for the Sacrament at Newton at discretion
Rev J. A. Ramsay preach once Newton
during the summer & the Rev J. M. Wheary
& Rev R. A. Webb preach once at discretion.

(5) That Rev J. Rumple d.d. preach & admin's
for the Sacrament at Blowing Rock &
that he preach once in May & as often
as he can in July.

H.M. Comm report. That Rev R. A. Webb preach there one Sab. in Aug. Rev C. M. Tidball one Sab. in Aug. & Rev C. A. Monroe one Sab. in April & once in Sept.

Rev R. W. Boyd to preach & administer the Sacrament at Gillespie &c.

Rev C. A. Monroe preach & administer Sacr. at Turkey Cove.

Rev J. M. Wheary preach & administer Sacrament at Old Fort & Lebanon.

Rev W. A. Wood d.d. preach & administer Sacrament at Taylorsville.

Rev W. R. McClelland preach & administer Sacr. at Wilkesboro & New Salem.

That Rev C. L. Beall be paid as may be found expedient out of the Invalid Fund, not to exceed $150.

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April 14. That the following stated supplies be
6 supplemented:

Rev W. R. McClelland $75.00

Turkey Cove 25.00

That appropriations to the Bunker, McDowell, Watauga & Caldwell fields be apportioned
same. as the H.M. Committee may find themselves able to do.

That the sub committee be authorized to secure supplies for the Steady fields till the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Grouping of Churches.

That Hickory & Newton be grouped together as one field. & That Lenoir be grouped with Blowing Rock & other adjacent Mission points.

J. Rumple Clk
C. A. Monroe.

Leave of absence. Leave of absence was granted the following during the sessions of Presbytery:
Ministers. Rev W. Shaw, J. Rumple d.d.
J. M. Wheaney & C. A. Monroe.

Ruling elders. A. A. McKenzie, J. B. Siblock, R. W. Gibson, L. L. Witherspoon
Prof. W. S. Graves, J. V. Melchor, R. C. Holden, Dr R. L. Beall, T. C. Beaty, W. L. Dunlap, R. Culbertson, J. R. McKee

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S. N. Wiley, S. W. White & R. A. Flemming.

The minutes of today were read & approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet & hold their next regular session at Taylorsville on Friday Sept. 14th 1888 at 11, o'clock A. M.

Closed with singing, prayer & the benediction.

William M. Phan. S. C.

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Appendix:

Presbytrial Report on Systematic Beneficence.

Report of Concord Presbytery to the General Assembly for the year 1888.

Objects	No Churches Contributing	Amounts
Sustentation	27	$ 385
Evangelistic	33	847
Invalid Fund	29	192
Foreign Missions	32	2054
Education	25	616
Publication	17	75
Tuscaloosa Ind.	17	49
		$4216

Fifteen congregations have contributed to all the 7 objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; 4 have contributed to six; 4 have contributed to five: 5 have contributed to four; 6 have contributed to three, 1 has contributed to two; 2 have contributed to one; and 8 have contributed to none.

The Presbytery calls on the Churches that fail to make any of the collections ordered, to give their reasons for failure.

Wm M. Phan. S. C.

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Presbyterial report of Concord Presbytery

The Presbytery of Concord reports and 45 Churches & has under its care

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to the Gen. Assembly Synod of Catawba to the Gen. Assembly that it comprises 1 Mission, Licentiates & 4 Candidates viz

Ministers Licentiates and Candidates	Postoffice's	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	White Mem.	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Baptized Non Comm.	S.S. Teachers	S.S. Scholars	Contributions	Evangelistic	Synodical	For Ministers	Education	Publication	Sunday School	Presbyterial Pastors Salary Paid	Congregational	Miscellaneous
J.L. Beall, Ev.	Lenoir NC.																					
W.A. Wood A.S. P.	Statesville "	Statesville	8	6	74	8	309	10	11	73	22	185	24	90	6	406	17	3	4	21	1000	139	6
J. Rumple, A.S. "	Salisbury "	Salisbury P	8	10	72	15	282	20	14	100	21	193	126	187	21	181	401	6	1	30	1300	1255	70
W.M. Pharr "	Mooresville "	Centre "	7	5	9	3	125	1	6	111	10	90	5	10	11	96	14	2	5	6	350	164	
" " "	" "	Prospect "	6	8	4	4	223		8	200	9	75	3	2	3	40	6	4	1	25	400	15	
R.B. Anderson, A.S. "	Morganton "	Morganton "	3	1	2	1	120		7	70	8	45	62	25	21	89	25	16	14	8	720	290	14
	Newton "	Newton "	4	3	1	1	62	1	3	25	8	61	20	8		17					200	86	38
W.B. Tidball, S.S.	Greensboro "																						
J.M. Sharey P.	Mooresville "	Mooresville "	4	5	2	13	197			90	20	200	4	70	3	303	11			14	800	86	6
L. McKimmon Pres.	Davidson College																						
L.K. Glasgow Teacher	" "																						
John H. Davis A.S.S.M.	Soochow China																						
R.M. Boyd	Woodleaf N.C.																						
C.M. Payne P.	Concord "	Concord "	8	7	16	18	250	2	10	150	37	324	64	140	10	148	92	12	2	30	1450	814	28
C.A. Monroe "	Lenoir "	Lenoir "	2	3	8	4	72	1	2	24	9	89	3	20		39	1	5	1		385	74	9
" " "	Hickory "	Hickory "	6	5	2	16	79		1	49	14	79	6	35	1	42	1	2		9	400	62	17
J.A. Ramsay "	Mill Bride "	Hyatta "	6	6	15	9	197	2	14	145	11	123	4	28	6	61	3	4	2	5	374	200	5
" " "	" "	Bear Creek "	3	3	2	3	78		5	70	5	48	3	13	1	30	1	1	1	5	372	151	3
W.R. McClelland S.S.	Statesville "	Bethesda S.S.	4	5			74		12	121	5	40	5	5	1	5	2	1		5			
" " "	" "	Bethany "	5	4	3	7	90				7	60		2		3	2				147		
" " "	" "	Boutman S.S.	2		2	2	26														17		
" " "	" "	Zion S.S.	4	2	3	1	19	3			4	20		5							65		

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Ministers, Licentiates and Candidates.	Post offices.	Churches.	Elders.	Sabbath Schools.	Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	White No.	Colored No.	Baptized Infants	Baptized Adults	Baptized Non-Comm.	Sab. Scholars	Sab. Scholars	Contributions	Evangelistic	Infrequent	For. Missions.	Education	Publication	Sust. Asst.	Presbyterial	Pastor's Salary	Congregational	Miscellaneous.
R. A. Webb P.	Davidson Coll, N.C.	Davidson Coll.	6	2	13	7	116		3	60	15	125	13	43	3	230	6	9	6	11	525	202	29
" " " "	" " "	Bethel "	4	1	1		62		5					10							87	14	3
J. G. Anderson "	Harrisburg "	Rocky River "	10	7	20	7	286	2	20	200	26	240		90	2	20	3	2		30	210	287	
" " " "	" "	Zion "	3	1	1	2	57			75	7	33		2	10	1				2	10	3	
R. S. Arrowood "	Mill Hill "	Bethlehem "	7	6	5	6	185		11	125	13	125	4	5	1	32	1		1		400	29	25
C. M. Tidball "	Caney Hill "	Concord (Cobb's)	6	5	2	1	185		11		6	65	3	6	21	29	4	1	22	5	274	5	
" " " "	" " "	Shiloh "	2	2	3		37	3	1				2	3	5								
" " " "	" " "	Olio "	1	2	2	1	31		1	10			1			5	1				69		
	Woodleaf "	Unity V.	6	4	2	3	140		10	50	7	60	3	9	3	65	2	4	2	12	300	8	1
	" "	Franklin "	5	6	5	2	117		2	112	5	25	3	5	3	34	3	2	2	8	188	17	
	Harrisburg "	Pollocksville "	5	5	24	8	162	1	18	51			5	7	3	60	7				739		5
	Elmwood "	Third Creek "	6	6	1		173		4		8	60				20			2		99	11	25
	Cool Springs "	Tirzah " "	4	2			128		3	48	8	74	3	1	48	1						11	
	Taylorsville "	Taylorsville V.	4	3	1	6	87		2	40	7	75	1	8	4	7	8	1	1	8	250	120	155
	Wilksboro "	Wilksboro "	1				10																
	Lexington "	Moxville, Ind.	1		4	1	38	3		18	7	32	1	5	1	21					252	17	2
	Stony Point "	New Salem, V.	2	3	7	6	57		3	51	4	30	1		3		1				92		
	Marion "	Turkey Cove, V.	1				6			2				6	10	52					86	350	
	Norwood "	Lebanon, V.					10						2	1	3	2					14		
	" "	Beulah, V.	2	1	7		42	1	2	38	2	151	1	1	3	1					27		
	" "	Forest, V.			2		12	1	11	11				2	1	5	2				74		

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Ministers, Licentiates and Candidates	Post offices	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on examination	Added on certificate	Total No.	Adults	Baptized Infants	Baptized not comm.	S.S. Teachers	S.S. Scholars	Contributions Evangelistic	Contributions Church Fund	Contributions For. Missions	Contributions Education	Contributions Publication	Contributions Asst. Inst.	Contributions Pastor's Salaries Paid	Contributions Congregational	Contributions Miscellaneous
19	Norwood N.C.	Mizpah N.	1				9	2	1	2			3	4	6	3		2	42		
	Lysartville "	Drusilla "					25														
	Marion "	Marion "	2	2			65														
	Norwood "	Norwood "	2				22														
	Old Fork "	Old Fork "	2	2			30														
	Taylorsville "	Salem "	1				6														
	Old Fork "	Siloam "	2	4			61														
	Blowing Rock "	Blowing Rock "					8														
Licentiates 2																					
J.C. Kennedy	Mt. Monroe N.C.	Totals	45	166	137	315	150	4387	53	207	220	304	2591	385	847	192	2054	616	95	49	229	1170	427	438
J.M. Feemster	Turkey Cove, N.C.																				

Licensures 2, — Installations 2, Pastoral Relations Dissolved 4, Churches Organized 1,
Ministers Deceased 1, Rev. E. F. Rockwell, D.D.

Wm. H. Plaxco, S.C.

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The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, Taylorsville Sept 14th 1888 at 11 o'clock a.m., & was opened with a sermon by Rev J Rumple D.D. by request from Luke 9:54. after which Presbytery was called to ord by Rev B. L. Beall last Moderator present & constituted with prayer.

The roll was called & the following present:

Ministers: B. L. Beall. J. Rumple D.D. W. A. Wood D.D. Wm. W. Khan. R. B. Anderson D.D. J. M. Wharey. J. A. Ramsay. W. R. McClelland R. A. Webb. R. S. Axnowood, & C. A. Munroe. W. B. Tidball & C. M. Tidball.

Elders-	Churches.
J. R. Goodman	Back Creek.
W. B. Gibson	Bethany
Dr J. B. Alexander	Bethel
E. P. Penick	Bethesda
J. E. Simmons	Concord (vacant)
Dr J. J. Dupuy	Davidson College
W. C. Hamilton	Hickory
A. Leazar	Mooresville
G. F. Erwin	Morganton
J. Lentz	New Salem.
Dr J. G. McCoy	Old Fort
J. S. Harris	Prospect
J. J. Brumer	Salisbury.

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J. B. Bradley - Statesville
A. C. McIntosh - Taylorsville
D. F. Phifer - Third Creek
J. K. Graham - Thyatira
L. E. VanPelt - Bethphage
E. M. McNeely - Centre
J. Finley - Wilkesboro.

Mod. & Clks.

Rev R. S. Axnowood was chosen Moderator & Rev J. A. Ramsay & Elder A. Leazar Clerks.

Presbytery then took recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

After recess Presbytery met. The minutes of last stated meeting were read & approved during the session- Rev Messrs T. J. Allison of Orange Presbytery- J. B. McAden D.D. of Charleston Pres. & J. B. Shearer D.D. of Nashville Presbytery were present & formally recognized as corresponding members & Rev Mr Kirby of M. E. Conference M. E. Church South as a visiting brother.

Corresponding members.

R. A. Webb called

A call from Westminster church Charlestown S. C. for the pastoral services of Rev R. A. Webb- promising a Salary of $2000 per annum, was presented & read.

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The certificate of the Stated Clerk of Charleston Presbytery was appended thereto showing that permission had been granted said Church to prosecute the call before this body. A certificate was also read stating that Mr J. A. Enslow had been appointed a commissioner from said church to prosecute the call.

Rev. A. Webb called.

Under a motion to place this call in the hands of Rev R. A. Webb - Presbytery heard Mr Enslow commissioner from Westminster church; & also Dr J. J. Murphy Prof. W. S. Graves commissioners from Davidson College church & Dr J. B. Alexander of Bethel church.

A paper was read from the D. College church expressing their sentiments adversely to the placing the call in his hands & also a paper from the Bethel church consenting thereto only upon the condition that Mr Webb feels it his duty to go.

Further consideration of this matter was postponed until after divine service to night.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

On Narrative to Synod - Rev W. R. McClelland & Elders - J. H. Goodman, E. P. Penick & J. Leitz.

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On Minutes of Genl. Assembly - Rev J. M. Wharey. & Elders A. Sprazer. Dr J. J. Murphy & J. B. Bradley.

Finance - N. C. Hamilton, A. C. McIntosh & J. J. Brenner.

Judicial Committee: Rev R. B. Anderson D.D. & Elders S. P. Erwin, J. K. Graham & W. B. Erwin.

Bills & Overtures: Rev W. A. Wood D.D. & Elders J. B. Alexander S. E. VanPelt & J. E. Summers.

On Davidson College: Rev Wm. Phan & Elders - J. S. Harris, B. F. Phifer & Dr J. G. McCoy.

Devotional Exercises: Rev J. Murphy D.D. & A. C. McIntosh.

Coms. by Moderator.

The Com. on Devotional Exercises reported recommending preaching to night adopted.

It was made the order for tomorrow at 10 1/2 o'clock to hold an Educational convention. Recess was then taken until after worship.

Evening Session

Presbytery met after recess & resumed the unfinished business viz: The consideration of the call for Rev R. A. Webb from the Westminster Church.

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R. A. Webb, called. accepts & relation dissolved. D. College & Bethel.

D. J. Allison Recd from Orange.

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After discussion Presbytery ordered the call to be placed in the hands of Mr Webb. for his consideration - The call was accepted & at his request & the concurrence of the churches the pastoral relation between him & the Davidson College & Bethel Churches was dissolved to take effect on the 1st of Oct. next.

Rev D. J. Allison was received, after the usual examination, on certificate from Orange Presbytery & his name enrolled.

Rev J. Rumple D. D. from the Committee on the Manual reported that the "proofs" of the Manual had been printed & were now in the hands of the Committee & the ministers of Presbytery for examination. & requested that a committee be appointed to examine & correct the same & report to this meeting - This report was received & the request granted - and Rev Messrs J. Rumple D. D. W. T. Thom & Elder A. Sleazar were appointed said Committee.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9. o'clk
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D. J. Allison called to 5th Creek & 3d Church.

W. R. McL. Lelland. called

Payne & Boyd excused

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Saturday Sept. 15th 1888.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

A letter was read from Rev S. N. Campbell asking for an adjourned meeting to receive him from Mecklenburg Presbytery & the way be clear - This letter was placed on the Docket.

A call was read for the pastoral services of Rev D. J. Allison from Fifth Creek Church promising a salary of $300. per annum for half his time - This call & the one from Third Creek, previously presented & docketed - were placed in his hands for his consideration.

A call was read for the pastoral services of Rev W. R. McLelland from the church of Taylorsville - promising him $300. per annum for one half his time - Also a call for the same from the Mitchesboro Church - promising $175 - for one Sabbath each month & the 5th Sabbaths.

Letters from Revs C. M. Payne & R. N. Boyd assigning satisfactory excuse for absence from the present meeting were read.

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Candidate Eugene Weinoff request.

A request for a permit from this Presbytery for Mr Eugene Weinoff to go to Union Theol. Seminary was read & referred to the committee on Education.

Elmwood Petition, Com. &c.

A petition from citizens of Elmwood was read asking for the organization of a church at that place. The request was granted & the following commission appointed to effect this organization, viz: Rev Messrs W. A. Woodside, Wm Thom, J. A. Ramsay & Elders J. D. Hill, A. Sprazar, J. K. Graham & Rev J. R. B. Adams.

Presbytery took up the order of the day viz: Educational Convention; when

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addresses on the subject of Education were made by Rev Messrs J. B. Shearer D.D. Pres. of D. College, J. B. Mack D.D. Agt, R. A. Webb & J. Rumple D.D.

Presbytery took a recess until 3. o. clock.

After recess Presbytery met. The subject of Education with special reference to Davidson College was referred to the committee on D. College.

Presbytery then resumed the unfinished business, viz: the consideration of the calls from Taylorsville & Bethesda, for the Pastoral Services of Rev W. R. McLelland

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W. R. McLelland—call declin.

After discussion of this matter Presbytery declined to place the calls in his hands believing it would do the churches he is now serving an injury to remove him at this juncture.

R. W. Boyd dismissed.

Rev R. W. Boyd, at his written request, was transferred to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, & the Rev J. M. Wheney was appointed Agt. of Foreign Missions in his stead.

J. M. Wheney appointed Agt.

The annual report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read & referred to the committee on D. College.

Treasurer Report.

The Treasurer presented a report which was recived & referred to the Committee of Finance.

He reported the following balances on hands:

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner's Fund		$ 38.85
Invalid Fund		72.04
Sustentation		25.29
Evangelistic		.43
Publication		133.95
Education	$95.44 overdrawn	
Total		270.54
less		95.44
A. A Balance		175.13

O. D. Davis Treasurer

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Sept 15. Rev R. A. Webb was appointed temporary on the committee of Education.

Com. on devotional exercises reported services for tomorrow, adopted.

Com. to transcribe Records report. The Committee to have the Records of Presbytery transcribed reported that the work was completed & all the Vols bound except the last which would be bound soon. This report was received & approved.

Stated Clerk ordered. The Stated Clerk was directed to have the original Vols deposited with the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia.

J. S. Anderson installed. The committee to install Rev J. S. Anderson pastor of Rocky River church reported this duty performed on the 4th day of May 1888. Report rec'd & approved.

T. J. Allison accepts calls. Rev T. J. Allison signified his willingness to accept the calls from Third Creek & Fifth Creek which were placed in his hands. Whereupon Rev Messrs J. Rumple M.D., T. J. Allison & Elder J. R. B. Adams were appointed to arrange for his installation.

Reports of supplies were called for when it appeared that the appointments had generally been fulfilled, & in case of

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Com. to visit Franklin report. The committee to visit Franklin church & investigate certain cases in that church made a report, which was received & referred, together with all the Records in the case to a committee consisting of Rev Messrs J. M. Wharey, T. J. Allison, C. A. Munroe & Elders G. P. Erwin & E. P. Penick.

Recess was taken until after devine worship to night.

After recess. Presbytery met.

P. P. Winn's claims &c. Touching certain claims of Rev P. P. Winn against the churches of Concord (Judell) New Salem, Shiloh & Elis. the following was adopted:

Stated Clerk instructed. The Stated Clerk is hereby directed to inform Rev P. P. Winn & the above churches that the Presbytery following up the findings of the commission, as reported to and approved by this body at Franklin; hereby declares its interference at an end, since there is no evidence of contract of supply creating any indebtedness enforceable by Presbytery on the part of these churches.

Bethesda church reported they were endeavoring to settle the claim of Mr Winn against them.

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This report was recieved & the case of this Ch. continued on the docket.

Com. on the case of Franklin Ch. Report.

The committee to examine the "Records" & proceedings of the commission to visit Franklin Church & try certain cases therein - reported as follows:

Your committee report that they have read carefully the 'Records' of the commission & find that they have proceded in all respects according to the Form of Government - & that their finding is according to the evidence; But in view of reasons submitted by members of the commission in our judgment it would be best for the Presbytery to hear the "Records" read in next session before final approval.

Pending further action the Presbytery took up the case & heard the 'Records' of the commission & all the testimony; after the reading of which Presbytery approved & adopted the report of the Committee.

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Report of the Commission.

Commission Report.

The following is the report of the Commission: The Commission appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery, to visit Franklin Church, & make judicial investigation of certain matters previously brought

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to the attention of the Presbytery, would respectfully report:

That the Commission met at Franklin Church on 16th day of April 1888, at 9 o'clock A.M.

The following members were present- Rev Messrs J. A. Ramsay, C. M. Payne, W. R. McClelland & Elders E. M. Stevenson. & was opened with prayer by the Chairman.

Commission Report. Franklin Trial.

The investigation of the Commission resulted in raising a "strong presumption" that Mr A. L. Hall, a member of Franklin Church, was guilty of conduct unbecoming a Church member; Whereupon the Commission instituted process, & prepared the following indictments:

In the name of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, Mr A. L. Hall is indicted in the following charges:

I. Persecution of a fellow Church member, Miss Jennie Shuping-

1st Specification - In writing certain scandalous letters, viz: one or more addressed to Mr John A. Shuping, one or more addressed to Mrs Jno. A. Shuping, & one or more addressed to Mr A. L. Hall.

2nd Specification - In that he was guilty of conduct affecting the peace & health of certain

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members of the family of Mr Jno. A. Shuping
Habitually absenting himself from the
Lord's Table; against the peace, unity &
purity of the Church, & the honor & majesty
of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the King & head
thereof."
Witnesses: Wilson Trott, N.S. Trott, Mrs
Jno. A. Shuping, J.D. Foust, Miss Vine
Winders, J.C. Matheson, Thomas W
Shum, J.A. Klutz, Rev R.W. Boyd, Dr
W.L. Crumpler, Miss Jennie Shuping &
Mr J.A. Shuping.

Citation;

Mr A.L. Hall, you are hereby cited to
appear at Franklin Church on Tuesday
1st day of May 1888, at 10 o'clock A.M. to answer
to the above charges.

J. Alston Ramsay Clerk

April 16th 1888.

The Commission appointed Tuesday 1st
day of May 1888, at 10 o'clock A.M. to
meet at Franklin Church to proceed
with the trial.

The Chairman was directed to have a
copy of the above Charges, together with
a list of the Witnesses named, served upon
the accused, & to issue citations to him
& to the Witnesses to appear before the

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Commission at the above named place & time.
Rev W.R. McClelland was appointed
by the Commission to conduct the prosecu-
tion.
The Commission then adjourned to
meet at Franklin Church on Tuesday
1st day of May 1888, at 10 o'clock A.M.
Closed with prayer
J. Alston Ramsay Clerk

Franklin Church May 1st 1888.

The Commission met on the above date,
according to adjournment.
Members present: Rev W.R. McClelland &
Elders E.M. Stevenson & J.R. McAuley.
In the absence of the Chairman, Rev
W.R. McClelland called the court to order,
& opened the session with prayer.
Elder E.M. Stevenson was chosen Chairman
pro tem, & J.R. McAuley, Clerk.
The Chairman then proceeded accordin
to the requirements of the Book of Church
Order, to charge the court.
The accused being in court, including
to the citation issued, which had been
duly served. The indictment was
read, as follows:
"In the name of the Presbyterian

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A. G. Hall is indicted in the following
charges;

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Miss Jennie Shuping.
Specification 1st In inventing certain
scandalous tellers, viz; one or more
to Mrs Jno. A. Shuping, one or more
addressed to Mrs Jas. A. Shuping, &
one or more addressed to Mr A. G.
Hall.
2nd In that he was guilty of conduct
affecting the peace & health of certain
members of the family of Mr J. A. Shuping

II. Habitually absenting himself from the
Lord's Table "against the peace unity,
& purity of the Church & the honor & majesty
of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King &
Head thereof."

The accused answered & plead, as to
the first charge "Not guilty". As to the
2nd charge "Guilty in part"

The following witnesses, for the prosecution, were called & duly sworn, viz;
Wilson Trott, H. S. Trott, Jno. A. Shuping
J. N. Faust, Miss Fannie Winders,
Miss Lina Winders, T. M. Thum.

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Crump. Mrs Jennie Shuping.
At the request of the accused the witnesses
retired until they were called.
Mr John A. Shuping was examined &
cross examined & gave testimony.
Mr J. N. Faust was examined & gave testimony.
Mr H. S. Trott, examined & gave testimony
& crossed examined.

Franklin Trial. Mr Wilson Trott, was examined & cross examined & gave his testimony.
Rev R. W. Boyd was examined & gave his testimony.
Mr J. A. Shuping was re-introduced &
examined & gave testimony.
Dr W. G. Crump was introduced & testified
On the statement of Dr Crump that Mrs Shuping
was too sick to come to the Church, the Court
adjourned to meet at the house of Mr
J. A. Shuping at 8. o'clock A. M., Tuesday
Closed with prayer.

May 2nd 1888. The commission
met according to adjournment at the
house of Mr J. A. Shuping & was opened
with prayer.
Mrs L. C. Shuping was duly sworn

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The court then took recess to meet at the Church of Franklin as soon as they could reach there.
After recess. the court met at the Church, Miss Jannie Shuping was introduced & testified & was cross examined.
Miss Mary Adeline Winders. was introduced & testified. & was cross examined.

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Miss Louvenia Winders. was introduced & testified. & was cross examined.
Mr J. A. Kluttz. was called & testified & was cross examined.
Mr W. F. Sloan. was called & testified & was cross examined.
Miss Jennie Shuping was re-introduced, at her own request & corrected one item in her testimony.
The Commission then adjourned to meet at the Boyden House. Salisbury N.C. on tomorrow morning at 9 1/2 o,clock.
Closed with prayer.

May 3d 1888. 9 1/2 o,clock. A. M.
The Commission met & was opened with prayer.

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The Commission then took recess to meet at the house of Rev R. W. Boyd - as early as they could get there - he being too sick to go to the Church. This was done by consent of parties. The accused declined to attend at Mr Boyd's, & waived all objections & consented that Mr Boyd's testimony might be taken in his absence.
After recess. the Commission met at the family House - residence of Rev R. W. Boyd at 1, o'clock P. M. May the 3d, 1888.

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Rev R. W. Boyd was then re-introduced & testified.
The testimony in the case having been, with the most earnest, & painstaking care, sought out, taken, & written & read to the witnesses as taken, & approved by them, & after giving each party time, & opportunity to introduce all the testimony afforded, & the testimony having been closed. The Commission retired to the pastor's Study at the house & carefully read over, studied, examined & compared the testimony & proceeded by a roll call to vote to, sustain or not sustain the charges against the accused as fo-

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as found in the foregoing minutes of the case; heard on the specifications under the first charge, then on the charge as a whole, Then upon the 2nd charge in the indictment, with the following results viz;
On specification 1st Charge I.
To sustain — Rev W. W. McLelland, 1
" " Elders J. R. McNeely, E. M. Stevenson, 2,
Total 3.
Not to sustain none.

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On specification 2nd Charge I.
To sustain Rev W. R. McLelland. 1.
" " Elders J. R. McNeely & E. M. Stevenson 2.
Total 3.
Not to sustain none.
On Charge I as a whole, sustained unanimously.
On Charge II. To sustain, Rev W. R. McLell and, Elders J. R. McNeely & E. M. Stevenson. 3,
not to sustain none.
Whereupon it was adjudged, by the Commission that the said A. L. Hall be & he is hereby indefinitely suspended from the sealing ordinances of the church as defined in "Book of Church Order" Chap. 10 Sec, III.
It was also ordered by the Court that a copy of this verdict & judgment be

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delivered to the Clerk of the Session of Franklin Church Jacob A. Thomasson & that the Session of Franklin Church be & is hereby directed to have it read to the congregation from the pulpit, viz:

Com. { E. M. Stevenson (Chairman)
W. R. McLelland
J. R. McNeely (Clerk)

J. Alston Ramsay, Chairman of the Commission.

The testimony in the case will be found on file.
Presbytery then adjourned to meet Monday morning 9 o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

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Monday morning 9 o'clock M.
Sept 17, 1888.
Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.
Presbytery reconsidered the motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting & directed the Stated Clerk to correct the minute on page 169, appointing a commission to investigate certain cases in Franklin Church; so as to show that this Commission was appointed in accordance with an official request from the Session of Franklin Church. (see page 169)

Stated Clerk. to correct minute.

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The committee to examine the proof sheets of the proposed "Manual" of Presbytery reported the following, which was adopted:

1. Your committee report that the "Manual" is printed according to the direction of Presbytery, & we recommend its adoption with such alterations as may be suggested by the Presbytery.

2. From the letters of Whitted & Shepperson we learn that they will print 200 copies of the "Manual," containing 36 pages, size of Book of Church Order for $25. and 300 copies for $38. The book will probably contain 45 to 50 pages & the price will be in proportion, perhaps $38. Alterations in the form will be made at the rate of 40[cts] per hour employed.

Com. on Manual. Report.

3. The contractor will bind up the 'Manual' with the Book of Church Order, & furnish the same at 50[cts] per copy, bound in cloth, 75[cts] per copy if bound in sheep, or imitation leather, & $1.00 per copy bound in "leather" i.e. Morocco.

4. We recommend that the Presbytery order 300 copies, & that the Treasurer be directed to pay for the same.

5. We recommend that the Chairman of the Committee be authorized to

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sell the book at 25 cents a copy, the proceeds to go to reimbursing the Treasurer, & when this is done, the surplus to be paid into the Treasury of Education.

6. Members who desire to have the "Manual" bound up with the Book of Church Order, are requested to inform the Chairman of the Committee on publication of their desire, that the book may be ordered.

com. { J. Rumple, Wm. Wharton.

The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to the Committee on the Manual.

A committee consisting of Brethren R. A. Webb, J. A. Ramsay & Elder A. Seagar, was appointed to revise Rule No I. Sec. I of Revised Manual & report.

This Committee presented the following report - which was adopted:

Com. to revise Standing Rule No 1. Report.

Standing Rules.

Sec. 1 - Narrative of Religion.

1. To every fall meeting of Presbytery, the Sessions shall send a written report on the State of religion in the churches, embracing the following topics: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. - Same as in the Manual.

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Stated Clerk, ordered. 2 The Stated Clerk shall prepare blanks embracing the above topics, & forward one of the same to each session at least four weeks before the meeting of the Presbytery.

3. These reports from the churches shall be presented on the 1st or 2nd day of the fall meeting of Presbytery, & put into the hands of the committee on the narrative to Synod, without being read, unless specially ordered by Presbytery.

Com { W. A. Wells. J. A. Ramsay A. Frazer

Trustees of Pres. Rule. The following was adopted:
Resolved - That rule 21. Sec. 6. Standing Rules - requiring the members of the Board of Trustees of Presbytery to be Deacons - be put into operation only as the present places upon the Board may become vacant.

The Committee of Education presented the following report which was adopted:

Education Report.

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J. A. Harris, just begun at Col. Th. Seminary asks for $100.

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Education Com. Report. Your Committee also had referred to it the request of Mr J. E. G. Winecoff, a candidate for the ministry under our care, to be allowed to attend Union Theol. Seminary.

The facts in the case are these: Mr Winecoff for the past two years, has been attending a College as an "irregular" student.

This fall, Mr Winecoff, instead of returning to the College, went to the Un. Th. Seminary.

Mr Payne, the Chairman of your Standing Committee on Education, gave Mr Winecoff his permission to go to the Seminary & refers his action to you, & asks your approval of the same. Further, "the plan" of government" for this institution requires an "irregular" student to present a certificate

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from his Presbytery authorizing him to enter & remain in the Seminary.

In view of these facts, your Committee recommend:

1. That Presbytery express its emphatic disapproval of its candidates going unprepared, to the Theol. Seminaries, without first advising with the Presbytery & obtaining its consent.
2. That Presbytery, in view of the fact that Mr Wenicoff is already at the Seminary, permit him to remain there for this Session, & that the Stated Clerk be directed to give him a certificate to this effect.

Education Com. Report.

3. That Presbytery direct its committee on Education to obtain from the Seminary faculty a full statement of Mr Winecoff's progress during the term, & present the same to the Spring meeting of this body, to become the basis of its future action in this case.

{ Wm W. Pharr
R. A. Webb.

Presbytery receded from business until 3. o'clock P. M.

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After recess. Presbytery met. The committee to re-assess the churches for the Presbyterial & Evangelistic Funds made the following report which was adopted:

Assessments.

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Churches	Presbyterial	Evangelistic
Back Creek	$ 7.	$ 21.
Bethany	8.	24.
Bethel	6.	18.
Bethesda	8.-1	24.
Bethphage	12.	35.
Centre	13.+2	40.
Clio	3.	5.
Davidson College	15.+5	60.
Concord (Tidell)	14.	35.
Concord (Town)	35.	125
Drusilla	1.	3.
Fifth Creek	12.	40.
Franklin	12.	38.
Hickory	10.+5	30.
Lenoir	10.+3	30.
Marion	6.	20.
Mocksville	2.+1	7.
Morganton	15.+7	50.
Mooresville	15.+7	60.
Newton	7.+1	25.
Norwood	2.	6.

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	Churches	Presbyterial	Evangelistic
	Old Fort	$ 2.+1	$ 3.
	Poplar Tent-	12.	36.
	Prospect	18.	50.
	Rocky River	30.	100.
	Salisbury	35.+7	125.
	Shiloh	3.+1	9.
	Statesville	33.+7	100.
	Siloam	5.	15.
	Tabor	2.	5.
Assessments.	Taylorsville	8.	25.—
	Third Creek	15.	45.
	Thyatira	15.+4	50.
	Unity	12.	40.
	Wilkesboro-	3.+3	9.
	Zion	5.	15.
	Bulah	3.-1	9.
	Mizpah	1.+1	3.
	New Salem	4.	12.
	Troutman's	1.+1	3.
	Turkey Cove	1.	3.
	Forest	1.	3.
	Jerusalem	1.	3.
	Blowing Rock	1.+1	3.
	Total-	$ 424.	$ 1262.

Com. { J. A. Ramsay
N. C. Hamilton.
C. M. Stevenson
A. Lowrance
O. L. Adams.

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The following was adopted: Resolved— That in view of the fact that the Morganton Church is encurring heavy expense in securing an assistant to the pastor during his illness, that this church be not required to pay the assessment for the Evangelistic fund for the present.

Morganton ch. excused.

The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev T. J. Allison over the churches of Third Creek & Fifth Creek, reported recommending the following- which was adopted:

Com. to install T. J. Allison Report.

1. That Rev W. A. Wood D.D. preside & charge the people. & that Rev W. R. McLelland charge the pastor at Fifth Creek. & that this be done on Saturday 13th of Oct. 1888.

2. That Rev J. A. Ramsay & Rev J. Rumple D.D. install him at Third Creek on Saturday the 3d day of Nov. 1888.

Com. { J. Rumple.
T. J. Allison
& J. R. B. Adams

Com. on Minutes of Gen. Assy Report.

The committee on the Minutes of the Genl Assembly reported that they had examined the Minutes, & find nothing calling for special action of Presbytery. Approved.

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The committee on Davidson College reported the following which was adopted:

Your committee recommend:

1. That Rev S. Rumple D.D. whose time expires - be reappointed as Trustee of Davidson College to serve 4 years.

Com. on College report.

2. That this Presbytery express its pleasure at the excellent report of the success of the College for the past year.

3. Presbytery desires to express its entire satisfaction with the Election of Rev J. B. Shearer D.D. as president, and Prof. B. R. Harding, as professor of Greek & German.

under the wise & faithful administration of so skilled a president, the Presbytery entertains the belief that the College will prosper, & calls upon all our people to remember the college in their prayers.

Com. { Wm. S. Shaw
Jno. S. Harris
B. F. Pfeiffer
Rev. J. S. McCoy.

Com. on Narrative report.

The Com. on the Narrative to Synod, reported recommending that the Stated Clerk, be directed to forward to Synod the narrative

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adopted at the Spring meeting - adopted.

W. K. McClelland Ch

The committee on Colportage made the following report - which was referred to the com. of Finance:

Com. on Colportage report.

Your committee has but little to report at this time. For more than a year the work of Colportage has been suspended, by order of Presbytery. Whether the time has come to resume that work, is for the Presbytery to decide. The total amount of all property now in the hands of the committee is $89.89 This is made up of Books, Cash & Notes in the hands of the Chairman.

If the Presbytery should decide to resume the work, some special arrangements must be made as to funds. Since there is not, at our command, a sufficient sum, for such resumption.

J. A. Ramsay
D. D. Deans } Com

Asst. of Publication Report.

The Asst. of Publication presented the following report - which was rec'd & approved:

Your Asst. would beg leave to report, that the work of Publication seems now to be on a sound financial basis.

All the bonds issued by the Executive

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Committee some years ago, have been reduced except $380. & even this could have been paid, had the holders of the bonds presented them before the close of the ecclesiastical year. The amount appropriated for the liquidation of Bonds during the last year was $57.65.

A. & P. Publication report.

The Statement of assets & liabilities shows an excess of assets amounting to $73.243.19.

The total receipts from churches, Sabbath Schools, & individuals during the past year were $8.119.78. a little less than the year before.

The donations made by the Committee during the past year amounted to $3.494.11. some of this amount came into the bounds of our Presbytery.

The Committee have been busy in arranging a plan for Missionary Colporteurs throughout the bounds of our Assembly. The scheme is yet in its infancy, & hence not very much has been done in this direction.

The present purpose is to place one such Colporteur in each Synod, who shall labor under the direction of a Synodical Committee composed of the various presbyterial A. & P. of Publications.

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At present there are 8 such Colporteurs at work, laboring in the Synods of Virginia, Kentucky, Memphis, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, & North Carolina.

In the Treasurer's report there are no receipts for this cause from this Presbytery, as we have been holding all contributions, for use in our own bounds. Our Presbyterial Treasurer now has in his hands for the cause of Publication $133.96.

The total amount from all sources for this cause during the past year is $85.

This is less than any year since your A. & P. has had charge of this department.

Your A. & P. does not understand to say where the fault lies; but certainly the above amt. is much too small as the contributions of our 45 Churches to this cause.

D. A. Ramsay A. & P.

Arrearages & remd.

It was ordered that all arrearages due by the Churches on Presbyterial & Evangelistic Funds previous to April 1888. be taken from our Records, & the Churches excused therefrom.

R. A. Webb dismissed.

Rev R. A. Webb was dismissed at his own request to the Presbytery of Charleston S. C.

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E. F. Rockwell Minute.

D. Le. Beall. Trustee resigned.

Harper elected.

A committee, consisting of Rev J. M. Wheary & Rev T. J. Allison to prepare a minute touching the death of Rev E. F. Rockwell &c.

Rev D. Le. Beall tendered his resignation as a Trustee of Presbytery - which was accepted, & Maj. G. N. F. Harper of Lenoir was elected to fill the vacancy.

The committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev E. F. Rockwell &c. presented the following - which was received & adopted & a copy ordered to be forwarded to the family of the deceased:

Minute of the death of E. F. Rockwell &c.

It has been announced to this Presbytery, that Rev E. F. Rockwell &c. departed this life on April 15th 1888. With profound sorrow the Presbytery records the departure of this venerable & beloved Father in Israel. We deeply sympathize with his bereaved family & commend them to Him who has promised to be the God of the widow & the Father of the fatherless.

We recommend that Rev Messrs J. Rumple &c., D. Le. Beall, T. J. Allison & Elder J. R. B. Adams, be appointed a committee to prepare a biographical sketch of his life & labors.

J. M. Wheary
T. J. Allison } com.

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Finance com. report.

The committee of Finance presented the following report - which was rec'd & adopted:

Your Committee have examined the report of the Treasurer - this report sets forth the condition of the several funds in his hands no doubt correctly. Showing that the Education fund has been largely over drawn.

We recommend that the said report be recorded as information, & that the Church be urged to send forward funds as soon as possible to make good the Education Fund.

Your committee has received during this session as follows:

From Wilkesboro for For. Missions $9.27
" " " Education 2.00
" " " Publication 2.00
" " " Western Evangelist 9.00

Your com. would further report that they have examined the Book & papers of the Agt. of Colportage & find all correct & supported by proper vouchers, & that there is now in his hands cash & notes $79.41. Books $6.41. Morrison note $5.00.

H. C. Hamilton Chr

1888 Sept 11. Education com. to borrow $100.

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The Committee of Education was authorized to borrow $100. from the publication Funds. now in the hands of the Treasurer.

Home Missions.

The Committee of Home Missions presented the following report which was received & adopted:

Your Com. report-

I. As to the Eastern Evangelistic field. That no regular Evangelist has been sent there, but the brethren who were directed by Presbytery to visit the churches in that region have attended to that duty- holding meetings. administering the Sacrament & receiving members.

Home Mission com. report,

In regard to the financial condition of the field- There are assessments enough to meet all present indebtedness, provided they are paid this fall.

As to supplying the field - the Sub-Com. is directed to secure an Evangelist as soon as the way is opened.

II. As to the Western field- the following appropriations are recommended:

To the Troutman & Tabor groups $100.
" McDowell groups - 150.
" Taylorsville " 50.
" Turkey Cove " 50
" Catawba & Watauga 300.

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Sept. 17. I. "The McDowell group" comprises Marion, Old Fort & Siloam, with Oneilla, giving 2 Sabbaths of the month each to the first two & the 5th Sabbaths to the last.

2. "Turkey Cove group" comprises Spruce Pines, & Burnsville & Turkey Cove. Turkey Cove having 2 Sabbs, a month & the other two, one Sabbath each.

3 Catawba & Watauga group- Newton half the time, & the remainder equally divided between Blowing Rock & the region on the Catawba River.

Home Mission com. report.

Supplies.

Rev W. A. Wood 4th Sab. to preach at Morganton on 5th Sabbath of Sept. & 1st of Oct.

Dr Rumple- Old Fort & Siloam on the 3d Sabbath Nov.

Rev C. A. Monroe- Blowing Rock 2 Sabbaths this year.

J. M. Wharey - Marion 2nd Sabb. Nov.

W. B. Tidball - Millestone- 1st Sab. Oct.

W. M. Shaw - Newton 3d Sab. Nov.

C. M. Tidball - Taylorsville 1st Nov.

C. M. Payne - Poplar Tent 1st Sab. Nov.

J. A. Ramsay to supply our Missions & churches during his absence.

Rev. B. Anderson Clerk

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H. Missions. Order

It was ordered that the discussion of Home Missions be made the 1st order of the day on the 2nd day of the Spring meeting. & that in connection with the discussion of this subject - that the Home Mission Committee be instructed to prepare a programme for the proceedings & secure addresses from one or more members of Presbytery - on the different subjects relating to this work.

Secretaries Report.

Secretary J. M. Grier made report of his labors, since last meeting which was approved.

Coms. to Gen. Assembly. Report.

Rev C. A. Allonso & Elder A. Deazan commissioners to the last Gen. Assembly; reported their attendance on the Session of that body; their reports were received & their diligence commended.

Judicial. Com. Rpt.

The Judicial Committee reported no business - the report Rec'd & the Committee discharged.

Bills & Overtures Com. Rpt.

The Com. of Bills & Overtures - reported no business. & were discharged.

B. Rock. Com. Report.

The building Committee of Bloody Rock. reported that they had succeeded in repairing that church. except replacing the steeple; that this would be done

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by Spring - the report rec'd & approved & the Com. continued.

Glen Alpine organized.

The committee appointed thereto - reported that they had organized a church at Glen Alpine - that officers had been elected, but were not yet installed; this report was received & the name of Glen Alpine church ordered to be enrolled with the date of the organization (what date.)

Adjourned meeting at Goldsboro.

It was ordered that when this Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Goldsboro - during the sessions of Synod - at the call of the Moderator.

The following was adopted:

N. C. P. endorsed.

The Presbytery of Concord desires to emphasize its previous endorsement of the N. C. Presbyterian, and especially of its courageous exposure of the jesuitical scheme of the Roman Catholic Church as formulated by the late Holy Springs Convention, to use the public & official influences of our North Carolina people to procure the immigration of a class of population who would be controlled by the Catholic hierarchy.

And in this brave, manly, Christian & patriotic course, we strongly commend our church paper; & while we would welcome all good people, we record our opposition to the Colonization among us of a class of citizens

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Sept. 17. also one pers't allegiance to a foreign power, & would, if strong enough here, subordinate all our institutions, civil & ecclesiastical, to the interests of the Roman Catholic Church.

Statistical Report.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report which was approved & ordered to be forwarded to Synod:

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Synod of N.C.:

1. 18 ministers; 46 Churches; 2 Licentiates; 4 Candidates & 4387 Communicants; $2089.00 as the aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31. 1888.

Statistical Report. 2 315 Members were added to the Churches during the year, on examination.

3. There ministers were received, viz: R. A. Webb, Nov 26. 1887. from Bethel Pres. Ch. J. P. Anderson Feb. 21. 1888. fr. East Hanover, Va. T. J. Allison - Sept. 15. 1888. fr. Orange, Pres.

4. Five ministers were Transferred, viz: A. W. White - to Western Pres. Feb. 14. 1888. W. B. Arrowood. to Mecklenburg " Feb 21. " J. L. Williamson " " " " R. A. Webb - to Charlestown " Sept. 17. 1888.

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Sept. 17. (5) One Church organized - Glen Alpine

6. One Licentiate transferred. viz: R. W. Anderson - to Orange Pres. Oct. 26. 1888.

7. One minister died. viz: Rev E. F. Rockwell D.D.

8. 2, installations. viz: Rev R. A. Webb - Nov 27. 1887. Pastor of Davidson College & Bethel. & Rev J. P. Anderson - May 1. 1888 - Pastor of Rocky River church.

9. 4, dissolutions of pastoral relations. viz; Rev A. W. White - & Taylorsville & Milkesboro Feb. 14. 1888.

Statistical Report. Rev J. L. Williamson - & Poplar Tent Church Feb. 21. 1888.
Rev R. W. Boyd - & Unity & Franklin Churches April 14. 1888.
Rev R. A. Webb - & Davidson College & Bethel Sept. 14. 1888.

10. There are 13 Ministers in charge of 23. Churches; 12 pastors; 1 Stated supply & 2 Licentiates.

11. 20 Churches vacant.

12. $836. The average salary paid Ministers in charge of churches.

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Sept. 11th (13) We have 14 churches, aggregate value $ 31.700

14 We have no minister or church in 5 Counties, viz: Gaston, Yancey, Ashe, Mitchell & Alleghany.

The next stated meeting will be held at Mooresville on Friday the 12th day of April 1889.

Attest- Wm. W. Pharr S. C.

Leaf of absence

During the sessions of Presbytery - the following ruling elders obtained leave of absence: Dr J. R. B. Adams. Dr A. J. R. Thomas. W. B. Gibson. J. B. Bradley. Dr J. J. Mackey. C. R. Wicker. J. R. Goodman. B. F. Phifer. & Dr J. B. Alexander.

Absent,

Absent. Ministers. S. McKinnon. S. H. Glasgow. J. W. Davis.

Next meeting appointed.

Presbytery chose to hold their next regular meeting in Mooresville on Friday the 12th day of April 1889. at 11, o'clock A.M.

The minutes were read & approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Goldsboro, during the sessions of Synod at the call of the Moderator. Closed with singing, prayer & benediction.

William W. Pharr. S. C.

1888. Goldsboro N.C.
Oct. 25 Adjourned meeting.

Concord Presbytery met according to adjournment in Goldsboro at the call of the Moderator Oct. 25th 1888. & was opened with prayer by Rev R. S. Axtwood Mod.
The roll was made out & the following present:
Ministers - J. Rumple D.D, W.H. McClelland - J. McQueary, J. A. Ramsay, R.S. Axtwood, C.M. Tidball, J.G. Anderson.
Ruling Elders:

Dr J.J. Summerell	Salisbury.
Dr M.W. Hill -	Statesville
J.G. Bynum	Morganton
A.F. Goodman	Tryatira
G.H. Brown	Back Creek
D.C. Dixon	Hickory.

J.N. Campbell rec'd — Rev J.N. Campbell was received on certificate from Mecklenburg Presbytery, after examination & his name enrolled.

Rev J.B. Shearer rec'd — Rev J.B. Shearer D.D. was received on certificate from Nashville

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Oct. 25th Presbytery (Rumple) after examination, his name enrolled.
A call for the pastoral services of Rev H.S. Gilland of Harmony Presbytery S.C. was read from Poplar Tent Church - promising him for the whole of his time, six hundred dollars ($600.) & as much more as can be subscribed & collected in regular half yearly payments. (Oct 1st & March 1st) together with the use of manse & grounds.

H.S. Gilland called, Poplar Tent,

This call being found in order, Presbytery approved the same & authorized said Church to prosecute the same before the Presbytery of Harmony S.C.

Permission was granted Rev D.N. Campbell to labor in the Churches of Smithfield & Franklin until the Spring meeting of this body.
Adjourned to meet to-morrow at the call of the Moderator.
Closed with prayer.

Oct. 26 — Oct. 26th Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, & was opened with prayer.
A Quorum being present.

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Oct 26th Rev J. M. Wharey was directed to visit the Catawba field in addition to the appointment at Clarcon; & that Rev J. G. Anderson supply his pulpit one Sabbath.

Supplies.

Rev R. S. Norwood was directed to fill the appointment of Rev J. M. Ramsay at Hickory; & Rev J. M. Ramsay was directed to visit the Catawba field with Rev J. M. Wharey.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Mooresville on Friday the 12th day of April 1889. at 11. o. clock A. M.

Wm. W. Pharr S. C.

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